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▶ A fan makes his way to Winnipeg's iconic intersection, Portage Avenue and Main Street, yesterday morning where hundreds of fans gathered after the announcement was made.

Bettman puts damper on joy

Winnipeg has a second chance to prove it's a big-league city, thanks to a strong Canadian dollar and a revitalized downtown

While Winnipeg celebrated the much-anticipated return of NHL hockey yesterday, it came with a warning.

Revellers staked out bars and work shut down while the city listened as the new owners of the Thrashers franchise talked about fulfilling a dream.

But NHL commissioner Gary Bettman threw a little cold water on the subject.

"It isn't going to work very well unless this building is sold out every night," Bettman said.

Maybe it was supposed to be a pep talk for the season-ticket campaign — sell out 13,000 season tickets of the 15,000-seat arena and the NHL board of governors would look favourably June 21 when they rubber stamp the $170-million deal and say goodbye to Atlanta for a second time.

But it didn't sound like one.

"We don't like to move franchises, but sometimes … we simply have no choice, as it was back in '96 when the Jets left Winnipeg," said Bettman.

The cold reality of the business of hockey is the team needs to make money to compete, to survive, to be a going concern. It's a stark reminder that teams need money — about $35 million beyond player salaries — to break even.

At an average ticket price of about $80, Winnipeggers are being asked to dig deep into their pockets to help turn the team into a success.

Part of the deal is $60 million to the NHL as a relocation fee, money that may well be used to facilitate the sale of the Phoenix Coyotes, the league's ownerless team.

Given the party atmosphere, none of that really seemed to matter to Winnipeggers yesterday.

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"Hockey is Canada's great passion and I'm excited that Winnipeg will reclaim its special role in our country's national pastime."
PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER IN A STATEMENT THAT ALSO SAID MEMORIES OF LEGENDARY WINNIPEG JETS PLAYERS SUCH AS BOBBY HULL, DALE HAWERCHUK AND TEEMU SELANNE REMAIN FRESH IN THE MINDS OF ALL CANADIANS.

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Wait twice as long for low-income areas

Report says waiting lists for special education services in low-income areas in Ontario double that of affluent areas Help is likely inadequate

TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Music teacher Neil Douglas plays along with student Connor Wilson during music class at Applewood Heights Secondary School yesterday in Mississauga. Peel is one of the boards that spends $20 million more on special education than it receives.

Schools in low-income neighbourhoods in Ontario have waiting lists for special education services that are twice as long as those in more affluent schools, and the help those students receive is more likely to be inadequate, says an provincewide report to be released today.

"The average number of children on special education waiting lists in high poverty schools (10) is more than double the average number of children (four) per low poverty school," says the study by People for Education, a research and advocacy group that for the first time compared special education services and school demographics.

"And 28 per cent of high poverty schools report they have identified students who are not receiving the recommended support, again, double the percentage of low poverty schools."

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Troubling

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▶ Annie Kidder

- Annie Kidder, People for Education's executive director, said the findings are troubling given public education should be equitable.
- "Ten sounds like a small number of students to have on a waiting list, but when you multiply that by the number of schools in Ontario, it's significant," she said.
- Kidder said it's a "worrying possibility" that parents in more affluent areas "may have a higher level of comfort with the system that allows them to advocate for their kids."

Toronto man charged in N.S. high speed chase

Apparently, this driver thought it would be fun to race a police car — in a rental car.

Police say an RCMP vehicle was responding to a domestic incident Saturday afternoon on Highway 102 in Nova Scotia with lights and sirens blazing when a man in a grey car raced up behind him.

The officer thought the driver might be distressed or needed police assistance so he slowed down and allowed the car to catch up.

"When he did, the driver simply smiled and saluted the officer and sped away," said RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae.

The police officer changed lanes and tried to stop the car and they reached speeds of more than 150 km/h. The two cars slowed down and sped up several times until it was deemed unsafe and the officer was called off the chase. The grey car zoomed off.

But investigators managed to trace the car — it was a rental — and identified the driver.

Yesterday, RCMP in Pictou County caught sight of the suspect car and tried to pull it over.

MacRae said there wasn't a chase but the driver was reluctant to stop at first and allegedly resisted arrest.

Mikail Dorofeev, 33, of Toronto is facing a slew of charges including dangerous driving and flight from police.

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150 The car reached speeds of more than 150 km/h.

Stepmother charged with manslaughter in boy's death

The parents of 10-year-old Shakeil Boothe have been remanded in custody after facing charges in the Brampton boy's death.

Garfield Boothe, 31, was charged Monday with second-degree murder after his son's lifeless body was found inside the family's Homeland Court home last Friday.

Yesterday, he was ordered to face a video link hearing in Brampton court June 14. He must apply to Superior Court for a bail hearing at that level.

He is also charged with failing to provide the necessities of life.

About 90 minutes earlier in the same courtroom, his wife, Nichelle Boothe-Rowe, 28, stepmother to young Shakeil, was charged with manslaughter.

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Corner stores staying dry

Ontario convenience stores won't be selling booze any time soon, despite a survey that suggests they are better at policing the sale of restricted products to minors than alcohol retailers.

Attorney General Chris Bentley recently loosened liquor laws in the province, but says those changes won't go so far as to allow corner stores to sell liquor or beer.

The Convenience Stores Association, which commissioned the survey, simply "wants something that they don't currently (have) the right to have," said Bentley. "I'm not convinced by the survey that's been produced, given what it was produced to do."

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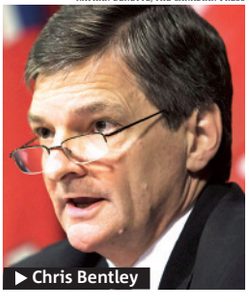

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Showdown set over taxi reform

Standard drivers fear conversion plan would cripple incomes by flooding market with new competition

Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong, an architect of Toronto's widely criticized two-tier taxi licensing system, told a council committee yesterday that the system has not only flaws but advantages.

Ambassador drivers in the audience began shouting "shame" before he had finished his sentence.

Emotions were running high at city hall, foretelling a reform debate certain to be ferocious. It will formally begin in September, after the city's licensing department finalizes a plan for industry consultation. The department will not produce recommendations until 2012.

Skirmishes

- When Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong left the meeting, the drivers followed him outside to shout at him again. And when he attempted to retreat to his office, one driver chased him while waving a photo of a driver who recently died.

More than 30 Ambassador drivers attended the meeting yesterday. Many wore shirts reading "Thank you Mayor Rob Ford for setting Toronto Ambassador drivers free."

Ford has pledged to end the two-tier system. Ambassador drivers say restrictions imposed on them are unfair.

The Ambassador licence was created on the principle that owner-drivers provide the best service. Unlike traditional Standard licences, Ambassador licences do not allow drivers to rent their cars to a second person under any circumstance.

That rule, the drivers say, consigns them to poverty and renders them helpless if they get sick or injured. And since their plates cannot be sold — unlike Standard plates, which sell for more than $250,000 — they cannot build equity. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Beach. Beating the heat

▶ Aleigh Hitchcock, 20, left, and Mallory Birk, 21, take some time to enjoy Toronto's unseasonably warm weather yesterday at Woodbine Beach.

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Record weather? Not quite

Environment Canada had predicted a high of 32 C for Toronto, which would have broken the previous record of 31.1 C from May 31, 1944. However, the reported high barely hit 30 C. Warm temperatures and mainly sunny skies are predicted for the next few days.

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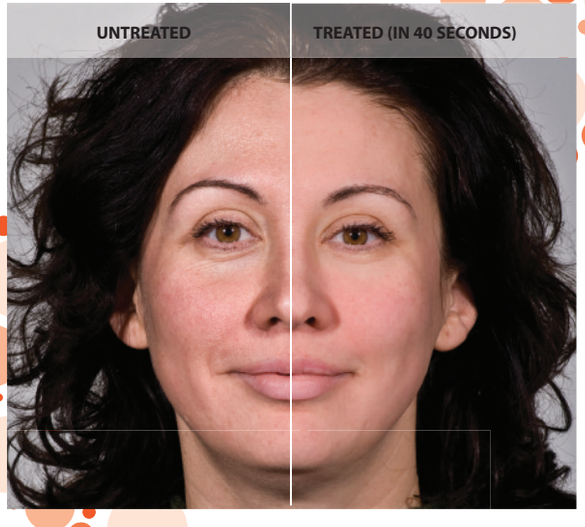

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Read our lips: No carbon tax

Politicians of all stripes reject tolls, taxes to reduce emissions Report targets single-passenger vehicle trips

All three provincial parties have dismissed an environmental commissioner's report calling for road tolls and a carbon tax.

With a fall election looming, Liberals, Tories and New Democrats were quick to turn their backs on Gord Miller's annual Greenhouse Gas Report yesterday calling on politicians to fight climate change.

"I'm saying we're not doing it," Finance Minister Dwight Duncan barked at a reporter about a carbon tax.

Transportation Minister Kathleen Wynne immediately shot down road tolls, saying the government would rather put public money into transit.

Off-target

- **The call for road tolls was** part of Gord Miller's rebuke of the province for failing to meet its target for reducing greenhouse gases by 2014.
- **Miller said he is concerned** by the lack of action on reducing emissions from cars and trucks.
- **"The transportation sector** is responsible for almost a third of all emissions, making it the largest contributor to greenhouse gases in the province," he said.

Miller's ideas are political minefields for parties vying for power on Oct. 6, but he says toll roads are the way to go if the province is serious about tackling traffic congestion and reducing greenhouse gases.

"We have to reduce the number of single-passenger vehicle trips," Miller said. "Traffic congestion is more than just an inconvenience; it imposes huge costs on the economy, the environment and public health."

He added that the benefits of a carbon tax far outweigh the extra cost to consumers.

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Heat. Wave

▶ Yannick Bisson poses with a young fan of Murdoch Mysteries, the TV show he stars in, on a set that serves as the autopsy room in the Canadian detective drama. The event at Yonge-Dundas Square showcased Citytv's summer lineup.

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Dial M for Murdoch

More than 5,000 people thronged Yonge-Dundas Square yesterday for Citytv's annual Summer in the Square. One of the biggest draws was the "autopsy room" from the TV series Murdoch Mysteries, about a police detective working in Toronto in the 1890s. The series is based on the Detective Murdoch novels by Maureen Jennings. Season 5 premieres on Citytv June 7 at 9 p.m.

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Fans thrilled to have NHL back in the 'Peg

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Nothing like a little "White Out" to fix a problem. Thousands of fans converged on Winnipeg's downtown yesterday, many of them wearing Winnipeg Jets jerseys, to celebrate the return of the NHL to Winnipeg.

While the mood was celebratory, it was also relieved.

"It took so long," said James Michaels, 22. "It was up and down, and, man, I thought there for a while it would never happen. But now it has, and now I have to see if I can afford tickets."

Cody Petrash and Antony Maluzynsky wandered the barriers at Portage Avenue and Main Street for hours, the first fans to show up at the iconic Winnipeg intersection yesterday morning.

"I've been waiting for this day all my life," said Maluzynsky. "We've been waiting for this day, every day, for some NHL puck back in the 'Peg."

Winnipeg superfan Dancing Gabe said he was the happiest man in the city.

"It's been 15 long years, and I remember when they left for Phoenix I was just heartbroken," said Gabe, who attends every single sports game in Winnipeg.

"But now they're coming back, and it's been a long time coming!"

Not everyone at the Forks shared the excitement. Sean Clements said he wasn't there for the announcement.

"I've never really been a big hockey fan. I checked out a few games as a kid, but ... I'm here for the music. I didn't even know this was going on today."

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Fans break out in O Canada after hearing the NHL is coming back to Winnipeg. Video at metronews.ca.

Boulton says move will be tough on family men

Amid the excitement of the NHL returning to Winnipeg, forgotten is the story of players set to leave a life they have built in the Georgia city. Halifax's Eric Boulton is one of those players.

"If you are a single guy, it's a lot easier transition. I have a wife who is from (Atlanta) and kids who are in hockey and in gymnastics. The transition for guys with families, it is a big deal," Boulton said yesterday by phone from Atlanta.

The 10-year NHL veteran and established league enforcer said he and his teammates with the Atlanta Thrashers heard for weeks rumours of a pending move to Winnipeg — although they were "kept in the dark" about most things.

Now, with the move official, Boulton called it "a lot to be excited about" and "an emotional day."

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"That's my job, to play hockey, and it's business. We realize this stuff happens."
HALIFAX'S ERIC BOULTON OF THE THRASHERS

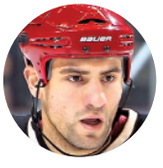
What the players think

In moving to a hockey hotbed, the Thrashers can expect a bit of culture shock in Winnipeg.

Captain Andrew Ladd
"Not having (NHL) hockey there for 15 years ... I'm sure (fans) are ready to blow the doors off the hinges and get this thing going."

Goalie Chris Mason
"Next year it's going to be hockey, hockey, hockey. I just love that."

Goalie Ondrej Pavelec
"People in Atlanta like baseball, they like American football. Everyone knows we had problems (getting) fans to watch our games."



Coyotes' Paul Bissonnette
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With Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals beginning tonight in Vancouver, the hottest ticket in town is so hot it's searing holes in people's wallets. Scalper tickets for tonight's and Saturday's games are $600 to $1,000. This was the pitch from one poor sap selling his Game 2 cheap seat for $450 on Craigslist: "I am unable to go because I have to go to a (expletive) piece of (expletive) musical with my wife (whom I love) … It's a terrible seat, you will have a terrible time at the game, the beer tastes like crap and costs $10 each. Price is firm because I don't want to sell it."

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Black to keep fighting

Not surprised by court's rejection of appeal on two remaining convictions

RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Conrad Black says U.S. Supreme Court decision was expected.

Conrad Black says he will keep fighting for his freedom after the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday rejected an appeal from the former media mogul.

"That court almost never takes a case back and so its decision was expected," Black wrote in an email to The Canadian Press.

Black, who had been serving a 6½-year sentence in a U.S. federal prison, has been freed since last summer while the appeals run their course. Two of Black's three fraud convictions were overturned in October by a U.S. appeals court. It upheld one fraud conviction and one for obstruction of justice.

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▶ Sri Lankan Defence Minister Gotabhaya Rajapakse speaks during an international seminar, co-sponsored by China, entitled "Defeating Terrorism, Sri Lankan Experience" yesterday in Colombo.

Video authentic: UN

Experts say graphic video shows enough evidence to open war crimes case ◐ Sri Lanka claims video is fake

A UN expert called yesterday for Sri Lanka to investigate and file charges against soldiers shown in a graphic video shooting bound, blindfolded prisoners and abusing corpses in the final days of the country's 26-year civil war.

The UN expert, Christof Heyns, reviewed the five-minute, 25-second video frame by frame with a team of technical and forensic specialists to determine its authenticity.

In the video, several men lie on a muddy track, bound and motionless. The camera cuts and another man is shown being forced to sit upright by a soldier in camouflage carrying a rifle.

Another soldier steps up behind the seated prisoner and shoots him in the back of the head, point blank.

The prisoner slumps sideways as the camera pans across the road revealing nine bodies, most of them naked, with gunshot wounds clearly visible despite the grainy quality of the footage.

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No room at shrine for unruly pilgrims

Worshippers provoke Palestinians and Israeli soldiers at West Bank site

A modest stone building holy to Jews in the midst of this Arab city is becoming an increasingly volatile friction point, drawing growing numbers of pilgrims on nighttime prayer visits, unnerving Palestinian residents and putting Israel's military into conflict with some of the worshippers it is meant to protect.

The monthly trips by religious Jews to this largely hostile city, co-ordinated with Palestinian security forces, emphasize the complexity of the Holy Land's religious landscape and the sometimes deadly intersection of the sacred and the political.

Just after midnight Monday, convoys of buses carrying 1,600 Jewish worshippers began driving into Nablus in waves for prayers at Joseph's Tomb. Escorted by olive-drab army jeeps and dozens of ground troops, it was the biggest group to reach the site since the military began regularly allowing visits four years ago.

When the buses finally moved into Nablus, Israeli soldiers in battle gear were visible securing the route, standing by closed shops and clumped beside a Bank of Palestine ATM.

For many observant Jews, Nablus is part of the biblical land promised to the Jews by God.

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Holy hostility

- **On Monday, hundreds of Israelis** who could not find room on the buses defied the army and made their way on foot. Groups of youths in the black suits of religious seminary students were visible around 3 a.m. on West Bank roads.
- **Fifty worshippers refused** to leave the tomb when dawn broke, and with Palestinian residents waking up, soldiers guarding the worshippers had to forcibly evict them. The military condemned their "irresponsible behaviour" and said they had endangered the troops.
- **Not long afterward,** the last Israelis left. The tomb was quiet, and Nablus reverted to Palestinian control.

Prayer at Joseph's Tomb

The authenticity of Joseph's Tomb is a matter of debate, though the identification with Joseph is centuries old. Some Palestinians say the building was a mosque, or the tomb of a sheik.

Israel had a permanent presence at Joseph's Tomb until the outbreak of the Palestinian uprising in 2000.

In 2007, the Israeli military began escorting Jews in to pray at the site.

Worshippers get about half an hour at the tomb before organizers hurry them out to allow the next buses in. The convoys continue until just before dawn, when all Israeli forces are to be out of the city.

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▶ Orthodox Jews mourn during the funeral of Ben-Yosef Livnat, 24, at the Mount of Olives cemetery on April 24, 2011, in east Jerusalem. Livnat was shot dead by Palestinian police who fired on a group of Israeli pilgrims on their way to pray in the holy shrine of Joseph's Tomb in Nablus, Israel's military said.

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Prostitutes. Protest

▶ Police officers try to stop South Korean prostitutes wearing caps and masks to hide their identities from meeting the mayor yesterday in Chuncheon, South Korea. They rallied to denounce anti-prostitution laws that they say threatens their livelihoods.

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Rally against sex-work law

'Titanic anniversary'

Doomed ship was tested May 31, 1911, off Belfast

The people of Belfast celebrated the bittersweet anniversary of the Titanic's launch yesterday with cheers from schoolchildren, a dockside choir and the tooting of foghorns.

For decades, Belfast didn't publicize its status as the birthplace of the world's most infamous maritime disaster. But since James Cameron's 1997 film Titanic became a worldwide blockbuster, it has been working to build a new community and tourism hub on its once-derelict docklands, now christened Titanic Quarter.

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Man arrested in 2006 killing of Russian reporter

Journalist received acclaim for her coverage of police oppression and corruption in Chechnya ◗ Critical of then-Russian president Vladimir Putin

Russian security forces arrested the suspected triggerman yesterday in the 2006 killing of journalist Anna Politkovskaya, who was gunned down in the elevator of her Moscow apartment building.

But investigators have remained silent about who might have ordered the killing of Politkovskaya, a sharp critic of the Kremlin and its appointed strongman in Chechnya.

The suspect, Rustam Makhmudov, was arrested in his native Chechnya and flown to Moscow, said the Investigative Committee, the top criminal investigation body.

The brutal attack drew worldwide attention to violence against journalists in Russia, rated one of the most dangerous countries in the world for reporters.

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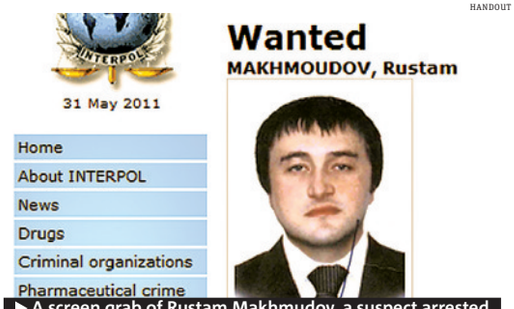

▶ A screen grab of Rustam Makhmudov, a suspect arrested yesterday in the killing of journalist Anna Politkovskaya.

Experts say cellphones might be carcinogenic

An international panel of experts says cellphones are possibly carcinogenic to humans after reviewing details from dozens of published studies on the matter.

The statement was issued in Lyon, France, yesterday by the International Agency for Research on Cancer — the cancer agency of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The assessment by the cancer panel now goes to WHO and national health agencies for possible guidance on cellphone use.

Some advocacy groups contend the study raised serious concerns because it showed a hint of a possible link between very heavy phone use and a rare but often deadly form of brain tumour.

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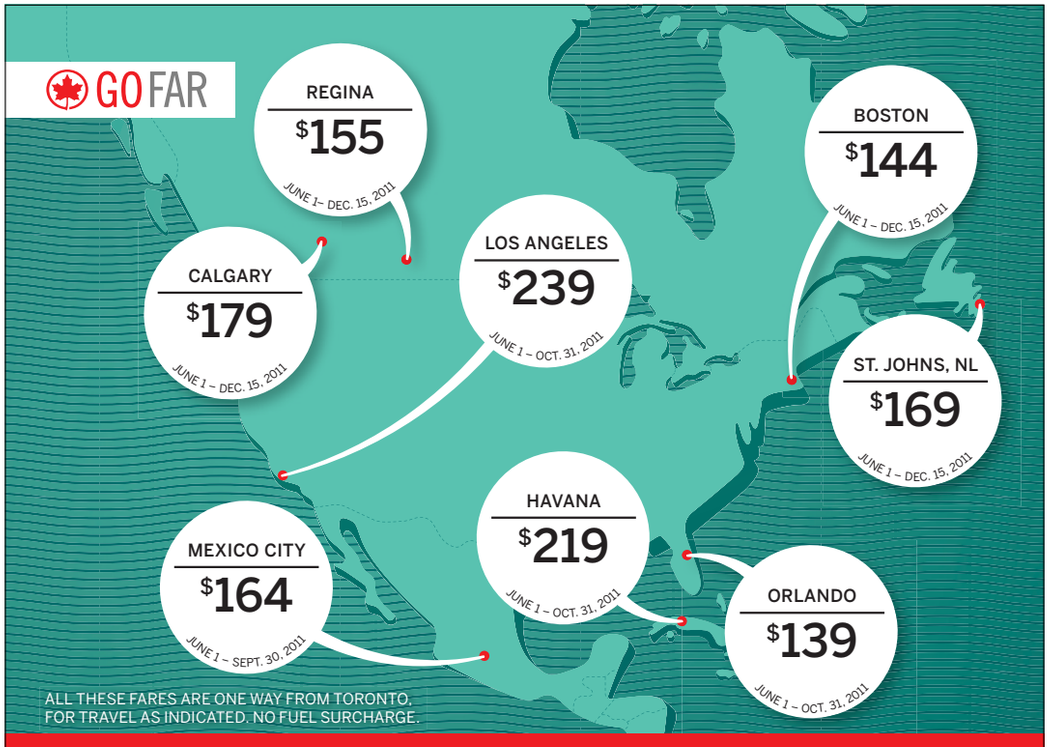

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Bank rates could rise

Higher inflation could boost household borrowing, experts say Strong dollar will keep import costs down

The Bank of Canada has signalled that interest rates will likely rise later this year, as long as the still-fragile economic recovery continues to build.

For the sixth straight announcement date, the central bank yesterday delayed the tightening regime it began almost a year ago and kept its trend-setting policy interest rate at one per cent.

But in an accompanying statement, the bank did alter its advisory on future action, indicating it will start moving rates closer to their normal levels if the recovery continues on track.

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▶ Mark Carney

"To the extent that the expansion continues and the current material excess supply in the economy is gradually absorbed, some of the considerable monetary policy stimulus currently in place will be eventually withdrawn," it said.

"Such reduction would need to be carefully considered."

It's the first time the bank has signalled in an interest rate announcement that it will eventually have to raise rates, although governor Mark Carney has been warning Canadians that higher rates are coming for more than a year.

Financial markets appeared to react to the new language — the loonie jumped nearly a cent to 103.28 cents US following the release of the statement. Analysts said nothing was carved in stone.

CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld puts the odds of a move in July at less than 50 per cent.

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Economic future

- Analysts say the The Bank of Canada seems uncertain about how economic recovery will unfold.
- The bank appeared to take a darker view yesterday of the U.S. recovery and the European debt crisis, compared to its outlook in April.
- It also repeated concerns about Japan's natural and nuclear disasters.
- Supply chain disruptions from Japan will cause Canada's second-quarter growth to fall sharply, but the negative impacts will be short-lived.

News in brief

Jazz by any other name is Air Canada

AIRLINES. Air Canada's regional service Jazz will begin flying under the Air Canada Express banner starting today.

The name change is part of the airline's rebranding of all of its regional services. The first Jazz plane to be renamed will be the Bombardier Q400 turboprops, with the others to follow once other Q400s are delivered or the existing aircraft are repainted.

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Wired. World

▶ A model displays the Gigabyte S1080 tablet on the opening day of Computex computer expo yesterday in Taipei, Taiwan. The show runs for five days, with sales orders projected to total $25 billion US.

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Expo takes big 'bytes'

Computex features a record-setting 1,800 sellers, and an estimated 36,000 buyers. The mobile platform has been a huge trend for the past year, with tablets being the hottest item at the second-largest computer fest.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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Sex assault allegations at gold mine investigated

Barrick Gold Corp. says it is investigating allegations of sexual assaults against local women at one of its gold mines in Tanzania.

The company says the assaults are alleged to have taken place at the North Mara mine, which is owned and operated by Barrick's subsidiary, African Barrick Gold PLC.

The Toronto-based gold miner says that a preliminary investigation by ABG has found credible evidence of sexual assaults by members of the Tanzanian police and the company's security guards.

Barrick says local police are also probing the allegations and a senior level investigations unit will be deployed to the mine in the coming days.

The company says it is "deeply distressed" by the evidence that has emerged. Its own investigation is ongoing and the findings will be made public once the report is concluded.

Earlier this month, North Mara was the site of deadly clashes between police and a crowd of about 800 people trying to steal ore from the mine. Seven people were killed and a dozen more were injured.

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▶ Demonstrators protest recently outside the Barrick Gold Corporation's annual general meeting in Toronto.

Zero tolerance

- Barrick says any employee implicated in human rights violations or other serious criminal acts will be terminated.
- Barrick owns and operates gold mines in Canada, the U.S., Peru, Argentina, Chile, Australia and Papua New Guinea.

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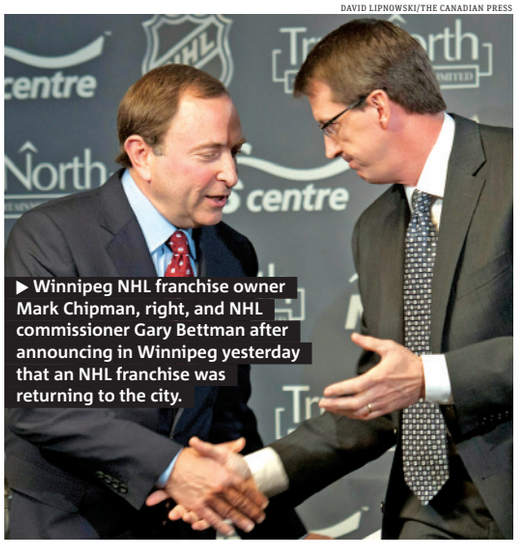

▶ Winnipeg NHL franchise owner Mark Chipman, right, and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman after announcing in Winnipeg yesterday that an NHL franchise was returning to the city.

Chipman MVP for franchise

Local businessman worked to create conditions for NHL to return

Mark Chipman wears his love of hockey on his sleeve. The Winnipeg businessman started the work to bring an NHL team to Winnipeg practically the day the league left in 1996.

With the purchase of the minor league Manitoba Moose, the construction of the MTS Centre and a quiet and persistent campaign at the league's highest levels, that campaign came to fruition yesterday.

Former Winnipeg mayor Glenn Murray said Chipman was a key leader in the public-private partnership that built the MTS Centre, which he called the turning point for the city.

Chipman brought the Minnesota Moose of the IHL to Winnipeg in 1996 and renamed them the Manitoba Moose. They currently play in the American Hockey League.

"While the loss of the Winnipeg Jets had a profound effect on the psyche of our city and our province I believe it also stiffened our resolve."
MARK CHIPMAN

Chipman formed True North Sports and Entertainment to own the Moose and build the MTS Centre.

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Hockey runs in family of loyal Winipegger

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Mark Chipman earned an undergraduate degree in economics as well as a law degree from the University of North Dakota.

He was called to the bar in Florida, where he worked as an assistant district attorney and later in private practice.

Chipman returned to Winnipeg in 1988 to work for the Birchwood Automotive Group and took over as president in 1992. He was named president of Megill Stephenson in September 2001.

Married with three daughters who all play hockey, Chipman has also been involved with the Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association as both a player and a coach and as a director of the Hockey Canada Foundation, which helps raise money to fund development of players and promote the game.

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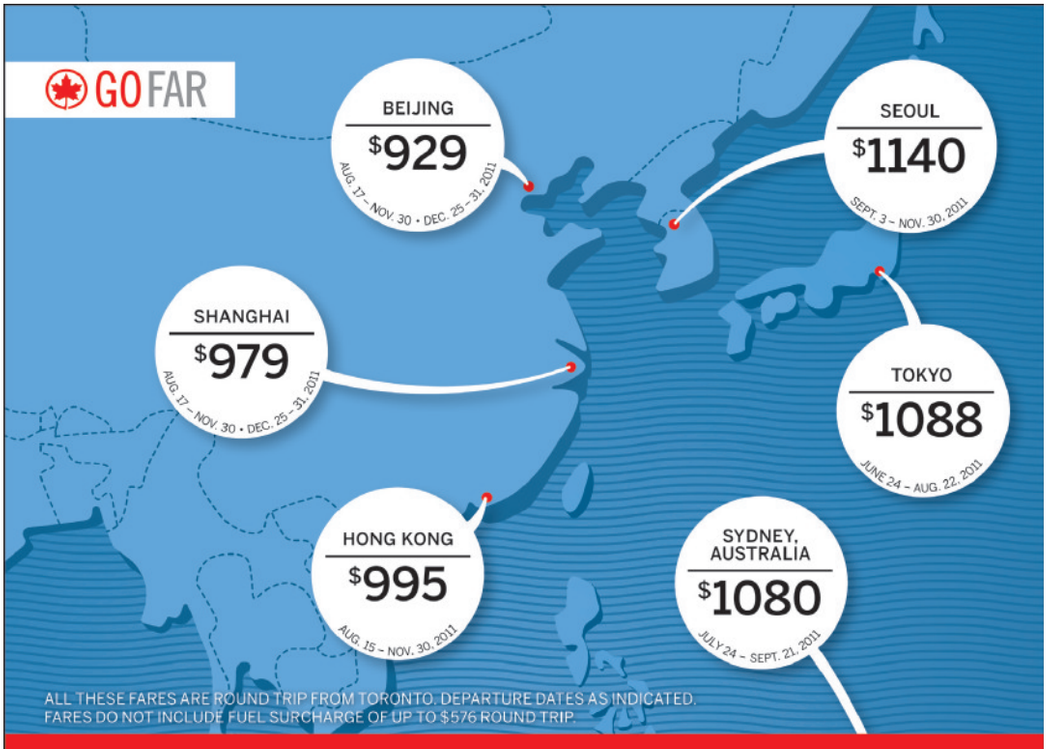
Hard work

- John Paddock, general manager of the Jets when they left town in 1996, credited Chipman for getting the deal done.
- Paddock said: "Mark Chipman's a loyal Winipegger who's worked awfully hard at this."



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CHANNELLING HIS INNER CAVEMAN

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

Creepy news out of Silicon Valley this week: Mark Zuckerberg, the CEO of Facebook, has taken to only eating meat he kills himself.

Various online tongues are wagging: Not a big deal for a guy who has already killed MySpace. But MySpace was a bunch of bits and bytes. MySpace did not have big eyes and a little fluffy tail that wags unsuspectingly when you approach it.

Zuckerberg, demonstrating the same steely resolve he used to deal with the Winklevoss twins, went to a nearby farm in the valley and killed his own pig, chicken and goat by slitting their throats.

Oink!

This is just an extension of Zuckerberg's annual commitment to do something that stretches the Zuckerberg envelope, which is already an overweight package. Last year, it was learn Chinese. This year, it's kill defenceless domestic animals. Next year? Just hope it doesn't involve weapons of mass destruction.

"If (Mark) Zuckerberg wants to be a truly accountable carnivore, shouldn't he have to catch it, as well as kill it?"

The point, says Zuckerberg, is that "many people forget that a living being has to die for you to eat meat, so my goal revolves around not letting myself forget that and being thankful for what I have."

Easy for him to say, but I'm sure the goat would prefer an intact throat even if Zuckerberg doesn't get to feel better about himself.

Because isn't that really the point? Twenty-seven-year-old megalomaniac multibillionaire gets to feel better about himself by engaging in some kind of twee blood ritual that makes everybody else's skin crawl.

Say you're an ambitious young VP at Facebook and Zuckerberg invites you up to the farm for the weekend to kill some dinner. What do you do? Gee, Mark, sorry! Not this weekend, I have to wash my hair?

The fact is that the real difference between human beings and the rest of the animal kingdom is that only people are capable of hypocrisy. I have to admit that if I had to kill the ingredients in my chicken Caesar salad, I would become an instant vegetarian. And that probably goes for everyone else who is not a bloodthirsty software entrepreneur trying to get in touch with his inner caveman.

Even more obvious, it's simply not practical, unless they start installing do-it-yourself abattoirs at the local supermarkets, part of the trend to checking out and bagging your own groceries.

If Zuckerberg wants to be a truly accountable carnivore, shouldn't he have to catch it, as well as kill it? It's easy to prey on some poor caged animal, but imagine what a spiritual experience it would be if you had to run the poor critter down first.

A week of that and I guarantee he will be thankful if he manages to catch his dinner.

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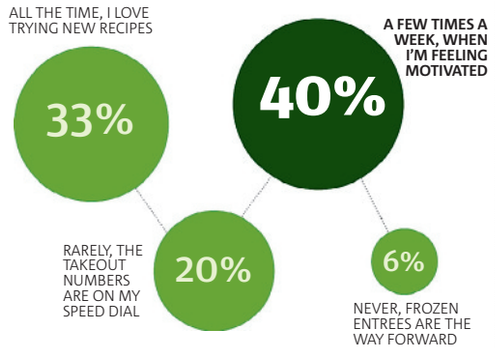

Local tweets

- **@frank tml:** Finally the NHL gets it right! Welcome back #winnipeg now do the best thing and name your team the #jets
- **@mauzam21:** Welcome back Winnipeg. J-E-T-S JETS! JETS! #JETS!?
- **@100thmeridian:** I'm guessing that the #jets are coming back due to a strong stable conservative majority government #sarcasm
- **@piondhaneuf:** For the record, it costs Air Canada 1.5M per year for the naming rights to the Air Canada Centre. Can the 'Peg garner the same?
- **@thedanield:** So ... am I to understand Winnipeg is "Canada's Team" now?
- **@mermer18:** I'm happy to see another team in Canada but can't help but feel bad for the Thrashers fans that are losing their team.
- **@arlast:** Good on #Winnipeg! But what's with #Bettman? If Winnipeg doesn't "sell out every night" he won't prop them up like his US favs?
- **@junctiondog:** Go Bruins Go. I'm cheering for the Canadian team. 22 Canadians on Boston to the Canucks 16. #stanleycup

Worth mentioning

SAN FRANCISCO. Twitter is trying to make it quicker and easier to track the world's most interesting people on its short-messaging service.

The new shortcut is being provided by a Twitter "follow" button that can be placed on websites to highlight celebrities, athletes, reporters and other people who tweet their thoughts and share other information.

More than 50 websites already have agreed to use the new feature, which was announced yesterday.

The publishers latching on to Twitter's Follow button include AOL Inc., Yahoo Inc., The Wall Street Journal, Sports Illustrated and TV Guide.

The famous people using the feature include Justin Bieber, Jennifer Lopez and Lady Gaga, who already has the most Twitter followers at 10.6 million.

Twitter already had been offering a "tweet" button to help websites attract links to their content.

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WEIRD NEWS

Almost like speaking from beyond grave

In an effort to better relate to a younger generation, a U.S.-based headstone manufacturer has created new burial markers so visitors can learn more about the deceased and leave messages for them.

All it takes is a smartphone or mobile device and a free app.

Seattle-based Quiring Monuments lasers QR — or "quick read" — codes on black plastic and copper stickers. The code looks like a square barcode. They are then stuck on the monument.

After scanning the code on a smartphone or an app on a mobile device, like an iPad, visitors are redirected to a website built by the person's family.

Each site can be personalized with memories, comments from friends, pictures, videos, family history and a map to the grave's exact location.

"It's a way to tie together the old way of memorializing with granite headstones and the new trend of social networking, which is how a lot of people are grieving now," Jon Reece, general manager of Quiring Monuments, told the Toronto Star.

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Ray Romano matures in Men of a Certain Age

Award-winning drama deals with mid-life challenges
Has been called 'comical, poignant and harrowing'

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▶ Pushing 50: "Write what you know," says Romano, centre. "That's what we did with (Everybody Loves) Raymond." Scott Bakula, left, and Andre Braugher also star in Men Of A Certain Age.

On tonight's return of Men of a Certain Age, mild-mannered party-store owner Joe has a confusing brush with his ex-wife.

Terry, the failed-actor-turned-car-salesman and perennial bachelor, seems ready to settle down with his new girlfriend.

And Owen, who runs his father's struggling car dealership, makes a pivotal decision about his career.

To put it another way: There are no murders, zombies or superhuman capers. The three lifelong pals who now are coping with mid-life are such remarkably ordinary heroes for a TV series they seem downright exotic. As played by series stars Ray Romano, Scott Bakula and Andre Braugher, these guys are never larger-than-life, but instead recognizably true-to-life.

"When Raymond ended, I was on the top of the world. Cloud 9, money, free time, golf, go places! And my therapist said, 'You want to start coming twice a week?'"
RAY ROMANO

Critics love...

- **Men of a Certain Age** is more reflective, more nuanced and more bittersweet than Everybody Loves Raymond.
- **The drama** was duly rewarded for its special brand of normalness when it premiered in late 2009, winning critical praise and healthy ratings.

This year, Men won a prestigious George Foster Peabody award, administered by the University of Georgia and popularly known as the Pulitzer of the electronic media. The Peabody judges hailed the series as "comical, poignant and harrowing, sometimes all at once."

Receiving the award onstage last week, Romano proudly wisecracked, "I just want to say to my wife of 23 years: Maybe NOW you'll watch the show."

A few hours earlier, Romano and Men co-creator Mike Royce looked back on how their prize-winning show had come about.

A few years back, both men were feeling a bit of middle-age angst in the aftermath of Romano's hit comedy Everybody Loves Raymond, on which Royce served as a writer and executive producer.

"Right after Raymond," explained Romano, "I had a world-is-my-oyster attitude, but I found out I don't like oysters. I had this existential emptiness. 'What is my purpose? Who am I?' I had a big identity crisis."

"I had the same problem, but with less money," laughed Royce, who is now 47. So Romano and Royce began commiserating.

The character they wrote for Romano was a newly divorced father of two with a gambling problem and a job that seemed to brand him as a variation of the timeless sad clown: a man who runs a party store for whom life isn't a party.

As they go along, has doing the show given Romano any personal insight about navigating his own middle age?

"I don't know," he replied, caught short by the question. "My character is still kind of grasping. He still hasn't gotten to a place of contentment." A bit like Romano? "I ask my therapist, 'Why can't I just sit back and be happy?' And he says, 'Well, first of all, I need to make a living.'"
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2 scene

Scene in brief

Actor Paul Gross will join Sex and the City star Kim Cattrall in the Toronto production of Private Lives this fall. Cattrall unveiled her co-star today after revealing in February that she'll bring the 1930 Noel Coward play to the city.
The British Columbia-raised actress plays Amanda, who reunites with her ex-husband while on honeymoon in France with her new spouse.
Gross will play her rich and reckless ex, Elyot. Private Lives is coming to Toronto as part of the Mirvish Productions 2011/2012 subscription season.
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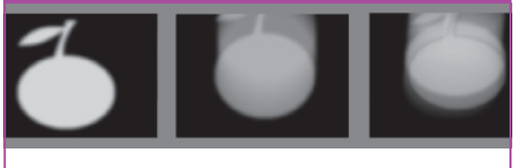

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Global TV announces fall lineup

CTV is set to announce its slate of shows tomorrow CBC will reveal its fall newbies on June 8

A new take on the British drama Prime Suspect, an animated version of Napoleon Dynamite and the return of Dave Foley and Sarah Michelle Gellar to series television are among the highlights of Global TV's fall lineup.

Global's parent company, Shaw Media, announced a prime-time roster that includes six new dramas and six new comedies.

They include a small-screen adaptation of John Grisham's The Firm; Gellar as a woman who takes over her estranged twin sister's identity in Ringer; the rookie cop drama The 2-2, executive produced by Robert De Niro; and Foley's sitcom How to be a Gentleman.

Over on specialty channel Slice, two reality show staples get a Canadian spin: Real Housewives Vancouver and Intervention Canada.

The new shows were to be detailed at a glitzy downtown presentation aimed at ad buyers.

Citytv announced its lineup Monday, touting buzzed-about series including the dinosaur drama Terra Nova and J.J. Abrams' thriller Person of Interest.

Fresh comedies include Are You There, Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea, inspired by comedian Chelsea Handler's memoir; the animated series Allen Gregory with the voice of Jonah Hill as a precocious seven-year-old; I Hate My Teenage Daughter about two best friends raising teenage daughters; and Fran Drescher in Happily Divorced as a Los Angeles florist who finds out her husband is gay.

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▶ Maria Bello stars in the television show Prime Suspect, which is a new take on the British drama.

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Tonight's TV picks

Canucks play on home ice

STANLEY CUP FINALS. If there are any hockey fans in your house expect to find the TV tuned to CBC. It's Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals with the Vancouver Canucks on home ice.

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Good things come in two minutes

IN SHORT. A two-minute film by Larry Weinstein is among the shorts featured in the latest episode of In Short. Entitled Wrath and Patience, the episode also includes the shorts Unlocked, Turkey, Book Club, Heroes and The Legend of Beaver Dam.

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▶ Lady Gaga.

Gaga clueless on bankruptcy

Lady Gaga may have topped Forbes most powerful celebrities list with an estimated net worth of more than $125 million, but her last blow-out tour actually drove her into bankruptcy, she tells the Financial Times.

"I put everything in the show, and I actually went bankrupt after the first extension of the Monster Ball," she says. "And it was funny because I didn't know! And I remember I called everybody and said, 'Why is everyone saying I have no money? This is ridiculous, I have five No. 1 singles' — and they said, 'Well, you're $3 million in debt.'"

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Talking points

Jolie gushing over Pitt still

OR, PARTS OF HIM. After six years together and just as many children, Angelina Jolie can't stop gushing about Brad Pitt.

"I am very lucky with Brad," she tells the Telegraph. "He is a real gentleman, but he is also a real man's man. He's got the wonderful balance of being an extraordinary, great, loving father, a very, very intelligent man and physically he's a real man … in all things that it means," she adds, blushing.

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Celebrity tweets

"Finally get to eat some sushi again before I'm off to new York tomorrow. Everyone In here knows my name, I think I come eat here too often."

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"I just realized I collect flashlights. Weird."

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Stay in

Staying at Hotel Condesa DF on Avenida Veracruz 102 is a great choice. It's a classic building and a top boutique hotel in that area. (From $150, condesadf.com)

Go out

For fun drinks and awesome music I head downtown. I love going to La Opera (Av. 5 de mayo 10) a little too much!

Their cocktails are so cheap, $5, so really it's a done deal.

Nuevo Leon Street in La Condesa is also heaving with pubs.

Try the mezcal at The Dancers in Coyaocán (Plaza Jardín Centenario 12).

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Shopping in Mexico City

In the Colonia Roma and Condesa there are so many independent and quirky design shops for you to browse through. A lot of stuff is modern but with a distinct, unique Mexican twist at the same time. Check out gurugalleryshop.com

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Discovering Holland

Explore the southern part of The Netherlands ◗ Theme parks, zoos and limestone caves: the south has lots to offer ◗ One must-see is De Efteling, the mother of Dutch theme parks

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"Enjoy the leisurely pace of life in the south of Holland."

Holland has more to offer than tulips, canals, windmills and the well-known beauty of Amsterdam. Most tourists never venture towards the southern part of the nation, below the rivers Maas and Waal even though there's plenty to see and enjoy there. According to locals, life is much more laid back in these southern parts. Metro Holland got on a bus and explored the highlights of the southern part of the Netherlands. Here are our Top 5 places to visit.

BURGERS' ZOO
Arnhem

The cool thing about this zoo is that it consists of four biotopes: Bush, Desert, Ocean and Mangrove. The Ocean boasts the only aquarium with hammerhead sharks in Europe. Another very special thing about this park is the fact that there are no fences: animals are contained by glass, rocks, trees or water.

burgerszoo.nl. Entrance: children €16,50, adults €18,50.

TOVERLAND
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Most of this up-and-coming magic-themed amusement park has been built indoors, which makes it an appealing option all year round. The all-weather indoor playgrounds and roller coaster rides are well suited for younger children, but Toverland also has some very good rides for teenagers and adults. One of the highlights is Troy, an enormous 35-metre high wooden roller coaster, and a truly amazing experience.

toverland.nl. Entrance: €22.

DE EFTELING
Kaatsheuvel

The mother of Dutch theme parks, De Efteling is the Dutch equivalent of Disneyland and Holland's most popular visitor attraction. It first opened in 1952 as the Fairytale Forest and it has since grown into a magical land with spectacular rides where fairytales are brought to life, talking trees, elf houses to explore and fairytale parades. There's enough for a two or three-day trip and a beautiful new holiday park that visitors can stay in. The park strives to open a new themed attraction every season.

efteling.com. Entrance: €32.

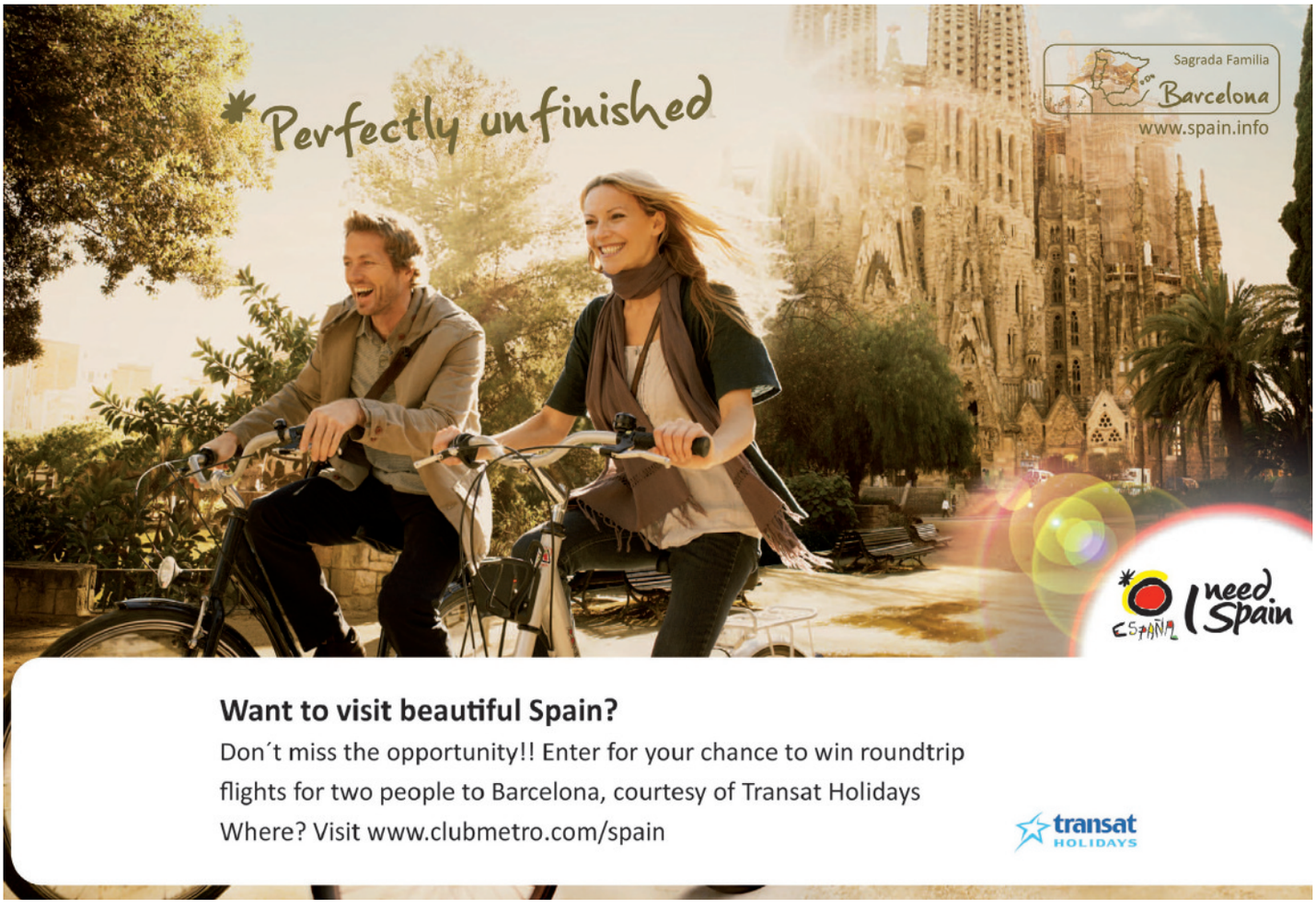
LIMESTONE 'CAVES'
Kanne (B)

In the most southern part of The Netherlands you'll find a lot of limestone mines and caves. From the beautiful historical city of Maastricht you can take a boat trip over the river Maas to the tiny Belgian village of Kanne, where you can visit the Grottes de Kaane. A tour guide will lead you through this mysterious underground maze and tell you all about its history.

grottenvankanne.be. Entrance: €21 (includes lunch and coffee)

GAIA PARK
Kerkrade

The youngest zoo in The Netherlands. The modern style in which the park is set up, allows you to get really close to the animals. Gaia has an indoor area completely devoted to dinosaurs with a few larger than life dinosaurs staring down at you. The park recently welcomed their



DE EFTELING

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▶ De Kanne caves.

newest inhabitants, a group of lions. Gaia Park was voted best zoo in Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg for the last three years in a row.
gaiapark.nl. Entrance: €17,50.

ARNHEM

This vibrant city along the river Rhine is a perfect place to start exploring the south of Holland. Arnhem hosts Burgers' Zoo and also the Dutch Open Air Museum. But most of all it's a city with a great nightlife. The Korenmarkt is where you'll find lots of bars, clubs, hotels and restaurants. (Around the Korenmarkt you can get dinner for about €20,00)
arnhem.nl

DEN BOSCH

This is the capitol of the southern province of Noord-Brabant. The city centre is dominated by the medieval cathedral of Sint Jan, Saint John. At the foot of the cathedral is De Parade, a square with bars and restaurants with a bit of a Parisian feel to it. Brabanders pride themselves in their 'Burgundy lifestyle', so for those who enjoy eating and drinking Den Bosch offers much choice. (Prices for dinner start at €15,00)

Quick tips

GETTING AROUND

- As soon as you arrive in The Netherlands get yourself an 'ov-chipkaart', which is a public transport chipcard. This card is valid on trains, buses, trams and subway. Find an information booth on a train station to get yourself started.

FOOD

- When you visit Limburg you have to taste the local summer dish: asparagus. It's called 'the white gold'. Try it at restaurant Le Bon Vivant in Maastricht. Capucijnenstraat 91.

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Massive swings at Cedar Point, Kings Island, Dollywood and a Six Flags in California, plus coasters at Six Flags themed on the Green Lantern and a new Little Mermaid attraction at Disneyland are among the new attractions awaiting visitors this season at theme parks north of the border.

Cedar Point and Kings Island in Ohio, and Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, Calif., all are rolling out a thrill ride called Windseeker, which spins riders nearly 30 storeys in the air in two-person swings that flare out and rotate around a tower.

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An extremely wet April in Ohio delayed work on the ride at Cedar Point in Sandusky and Kings Island in Mason, so they weren't ready when the parks opened earlier in May, but they're now expected to be up and running.

Six Flags parks in Vallejo, Calif., and St. Louis also are debuting monster swings. Their version, called SkyScreamer, towers 72 metres above the ground with two-person swings soaring in a 30-metre circle at 70 km/h. The ride will be lighted at night from top to bottom.

And Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., added a swing ride called Barnstormer, with two pendulum arms seating 16 passengers each. The swing takes riders to a peak of 25 metres in the air and rotates at 72 km/h. A barnyard-themed play area and pig pen water play area surround the ride.

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Roller-coaster enthusiasts will also be able to get their fix on new rides at the Six Flags parks.

Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, N.J., and Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia, Calif., are launching Green Lantern, a 15-storey stand-up coaster that begins with a 72-km/h vertical drop before rocketing riders through five inversions, including loops and corkscrews.

Green Lantern is among three new coasters at Six Flags Magic Mountain. Six Flags New England near Springfield, Mass., adds the steel coaster called Gotham City: Gauntlet Escape from Arkham Asylum, while the Dare Devil Dive coaster opens at Six Flags Over Georgia in Austell, Ga., featuring a 10-storey vertical drop. Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington marks its 50th anniversary by bringing back a faster and steeper Texas Giant coaster.

New York's Coney Island has this year opened its first new roller coasters since the famed Cyclone was built in the 1920s. Four new thrill rides in the park are known collectively as the Scream Zone.

In early June, Disney California Adventure in Anaheim debuts The Little Mermaid — Ariel's Undersea Adventure as part of a multiyear billion-dollar expansion of the park. The family-

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SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE

▶ This photo, courtesy of Six Flags Great Adventure, shows the Green Lantern stand-Up coaster at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, N.J. The Green Lantern is a 15-story stand-up coaster that begins with a 45-mph vertical drop before rocketing riders through five inversions, including loops and corkscrews.

CEDAR POINT AMUSEMENT PARK/RESORT, FILE

▶ The new Windseeker ride at Cedar Point Amusement Park/Resort in Sandusky, Ohio.

friendly ride features characters from the popular movie as riders travel on a virtual underwater journey. Disney parks in Orlando, Fla., and California are reopening the venerable Star Tours ride with a new 3-D element and Star Wars-inspired story line for the deep space flight simulator. Star Tours opened May 20 at Disney World and will open June 3 at Disneyland.

Star Wars fans get a treat at Legoland in Carlsbad, Calif., too, with Star Wars Miniland, which offers scenes from the movies made of 1.5 million Lego bricks, including depictions of Tatooine where Luke Skywalker grew up; Endor; the icy planet Hoth and the Millennium Falcon. Later in the year, in October, the world's fifth Legoland park is scheduled to open on the East Coast, on the site of the old Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven, Fla.

SeaWorld parks in Orlando, Fla, San Diego and San Antonio are introducing their first new Shamu shows in five years, environmentally themed killer whale attractions called Believe. In addition, SeaWorld San Diego opens Turtle Reef, a nearly 1.1-million-litre aquarium featuring more than 60 threatened or endangered sea turtles.

Another animal-themed attraction, Cheetah Hunt, opens at Busch Gardens in Tampa, Fla., with a cheetah habitat and roller coaster.

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A theme park for everyone

Morgan's Wonderland in Texas offers everything special-needs guests might require, but aims to be for everyone

The carousel has chariots for wheelchairs. Braille games decorate side panels on the jungle gym. And table-high sandboxes allow just about any kid to build a castle.

Morgan's Wonderland aims to offer everything a special-needs guest might enjoy at a theme park — while appealing to non-disabled visitors too.

"If it wasn't for searching Google," founder Gordon Hartman said, "it would've taken me a lot longer to put this together."

The result is both inventive and heartwarming: a 10-hectare, $34-million park catering every detail to people with physical or mental disabilities, down to jungle gyms wide enough to fit two wheelchairs side by side, a "Sensory Village" that's an indoor mall of touch-and-hear activities, and daily attendance limits so the park never gets too loud or lines too long.

Since opening last year, Morgan's Wonderland has attracted more than 100,000 guests, despite almost no national marketing by the non-profit park. Admission for people with special needs is free, and adults accompanying them are $10. Three out of every four visitors do not have disabilities.

The park is the first of its kind in the U.S., according to Hartman, a San Antonio philanthropist who named the place after his 17-year-old daughter, who can't perform simple math and struggles to form sentences because of cognitive disabilities. A map in the lobby entrance, where adults with special needs volunteer as greeters, offers a more visual way to gauge the park's early popularity, with the 49 states and 16 countries visitors have come from marked in purple.

Persons with autism, orthopedic impairments, mental handicap or seizure disorders are among the most regular visitors. Tifani Jackson's 11-year-old son, Jaylin, has Williams syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that causes learning disabilities and developmental delays.

Jaylin was showing off his new hat from the gift shop. Now he was coaxing his mom back toward the off-road adventure ride, where rugged-looking jeeps that are wheelchair accessible twist and turn through a short track.

"It's so nice to have a place like this," said Jackson, who lives in nearby Austin.

Built on the site of an abandoned quarry, Morgan's Wonderland is one-tenth the size of SeaWorld, the destination mega-attraction on the other side of San Antonio. But spending an afternoon at Morgan's Wonderland — the average guest stays about 2 1/2 to three hours — is deliberately designed to not be an exhausting, endless trudge from one overcrowded ride to the next.

Generously spread out, the park has about 20 attractions from active (Butterfly Playground) to easygoing (a train circling a 1.6-kilometre-long loop through the park and around a lake). Even more tranquil is the Sitting Garden, a quiet and almost meditative enclave that's a favourite among parents with autistic children.

Inside Sensory Village is a mechanic's shop with tools mounted to a low table. A light touch of the drill triggers the crank-like sound of a bolt driving flush into an engine block. Next door is a pretend supermarket with plastic lobsters, ears of corn and cans of tuna, and cashiers who always hand back the right amount of invisible change.

Reservations are encouraged because of the daily attendance limits, though as general manager Dave Force put it, "we're not going to turn away a family that's driven all the way from Arkansas." Each guest is also given an electronic wristband that allows families and caregivers to keep tabs on their group in the park, and scanning the wristbands on some rides emails a free photo back home.

Yet despite being completely designed for individuals with special needs, the park is playful enough to be enjoyed by any kid. The motto of Morgan's Wonderland is even "Where Everyone Can Play."

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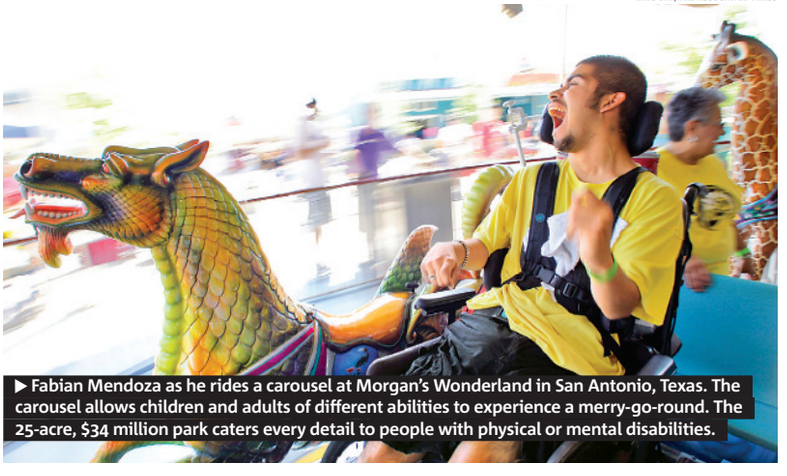

▶ Fabian Mendoza as he rides a carousel at Morgan's Wonderland in San Antonio, Texas. The carousel allows children and adults of different abilities to experience a merry-go-round. The 25-acre, $34 million park caters every detail to people with physical or mental disabilities.

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Plenty to do in Florida

- **The Sunshine State has plenty of new and updated attractions at its major theme parks**
- **SeaWorld's new Shamu show has an environmental theme to it**

A theme park built with millions of Lego bricks, a cheetah habitat with a zero-to-100-km/h roller coaster at Africa-themed Busch Gardens, and the first new killer whale show in five years at SeaWorld Orlando are among the big new attractions opening in central Florida this year.

The world's fifth Legoland park, and the first one on the U.S. East Coast, is going up on the site of the old Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven, a 45-minute drive from the other large parks in Orlando. It's scheduled to open sometime in October.

Legoland Florida planners say 50 million of the iconic plastic building bricks will be incorporated into rides, statues and attractions geared toward children ages two to 12 and their families. The lineup will include four gentle roller coasters, but the park retains its famous botanical gardens and water ski show from Cypress Gardens, which was one of Florida's first theme parks.

"Kids go crazy over Legos, and this is what kids anticipate seeing in a Lego world," park manager Adrian Jones said recently. "It's about rides, it's about playing with Legos, it's about building, it's about interacting" with their surroundings.

The new environmentally themed Shamu show at SeaWorld called One Ocean debuted at the Orlando park in April, replacing the well-worn Believe show. Similar whale shows are scheduled to open at SeaWorld San Diego on Memorial Day weekend and at SeaWorld San Antonio in June.

According to SeaWorld, the show "features majestic killer whales as ambassadors of the sea, and the ocean as the centre of the universe. ... At the core of the show is the unifying message that both animals and humans are part of one world, with one ocean, and its future is in our hands to cherish and protect."

Visitors to the Orlando park will see Tilikum, the whale that killed one its trainers last year, doing tricks in the new show. Trainers haven't been in the pools with the whales since the accident in February 2010, but the parks are upgrading facilities with safety equipment and readying the animals for trainers to get back in the water. A firm date for that has not been announced, but SeaWorld officials said the new show was planned to incorporate "water work" with the trainers when the time was appropriate.

An hour away in Tampa, Busch Gardens is touting its new Cheetah Hunt roller coaster that uses the force of repelling magnets to launch riders from zero to 100 km/h in a matter of seconds, three different times during the ride.

Opening this summer, Cheetah Hunt will be the longest of the park's coasters with 1,350 metres of track. It's the centrepiece of a new animal habitat area called Cheetah Run that will allow visitors to get up close to the lithe cats living there. They can also witness the world's fastest land animal in action during daily sprints conducted by trainers.

Sticking with the Africa theme, new this year at Walt Disney World is an add-on experience at Animal Kingdom that allows guests to join a small group on a guided expedition to see the park's wild animals on foot and by special vehicles. The cost of the Wild Africa Trek starts at $189 per person (in addition to park admission) and will vary seasonally. It's open to guests eight and older.

Disney's Hollywood Studios reopened the venerable Star Tours ride this month with a new 3-D element and Star Wars-inspired story line for the deep space flight simulator. Also new at Disney World is a nighttime show during which photos of guests taken by park photographers during the day are projected in a huge slideshow on the outside of Cinderella Castle. The show is accompanied by music and fireworks.

Discovery Cove in Orlando debuts a new one-hectare saltwater environment called Grand Reef, featuring white-sand beaches, underwater grottoes and a palm tree-lined island. Guests can don wetsuits and an underwater breathing apparatus to take an underwater walking tour along a path about three metres below the surface through schools of tropical fish and past a 3.8-million-litre aquarium with 125 species of fish, rays and sharks.

Florida theme parks have high hopes for 2011 after seeing modest attendance gains last year as the nation continued to re-

LEGOLAND CALIFORNIA RESORT)

▶ This undated photo courtesy of Legoland California Resort shows a Star Wars Lego display at Legoland California Resort in Carlsbad, Calif. Florida is getting its own Legoland in October.

cover from a crippling recession, said David Mandt, spokesman for the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions.

"Certainly the conditions and consumer confidence are improving, and that will drive attendance to parks and attractions," Mandt said. "There's a lot to look forward to."

One attraction that hopes to maintain its initial success is The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, which was an immediate sensation when it opened last year in the Islands of Adventure park at Universal Orlando. The mini-park, featuring Hogwarts castle and a state-of-the-art coaster ride that simulates flying on brooms with Harry and his pals, gave Universal a big attendance boost last year while the crowds at the other central Florida parks stayed flat.

For Universal visitors, Aug. 18 will be the last chance to ride the Jimmy Neutron Nicktoon Blast, which is closing to make room for a 3-D ride based on the Despicable Me animated movie. And the popular Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man ride at Islands of Adventure is closing soon for a state-of-the-art retooling. The 3-D experience will be updated with high-definition animation and other details riders will be able to feel.

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The caboose on Jason Thornhill's property is no ordinary rail car.

Fitted out with a queen-size bed, shower and natural gas fireplace, the former Canadian Pacific caboose serves as a cabin that can be rented by the night or week.

"It's awesome," says Thornhill, a self-described longtime rail buff who also runs a garden centre on the property, called Aspen Crossing. He has a total of six rail cars on the site, including a former dining car now in use as a restaurant.

"There's a full bathroom in the caboose, a nice little kitchenette with a cook top stove."
JASON THORNHILL

"There's a full bathroom in the caboose, a nice little kitchenette with an induction cook top stove, and a DVD player hooked up to a flat-screen TV. … There's also a sofa that folds out to a double bed and a twin mattress up in the cupola."

Situated in a campground, the caboose sleeps up to five and has been available to guests since April. Rates range from $185 to $279 a night.

Thornhill, 36, says he acquired it in 2008 at no charge from a Calgary firm that had been using it as an office and wanted it gone. The caboose had been in service with Canadian Pacific for about 40 years until the early 1990s.

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▶ The caboose on Jason Thornhill's property in Mossleigh, Alta., is no ordinary rail car. Fitted out with a queen-size bed, shower and natural gas fireplace, the former Canadian Pacific caboose serves as a cabin that can be rented by the night or week

"We're trying to re-brand into a historical railway destination," says Thornhill. Another caboose in the campground is slated to be ready for guests in September. Aspen Crossing is a 40-minute drive southeast of Calgary. (aspencrossing.com)

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Travel in brief

Learning about wildflowers

ALBERTA. If you want to learn all about bracts, catkins and pistils, the nine-day Waterton Wildflower Festival is the place to get educated.

A lecture covering "the secret language of plant parts" is among more than 80 walks, hikes and workshops focusing on wildflowers in Waterton Lakes National Park in southwest Alberta.

Wildflower photography, edible and medicinal plants, rare flowers and the basics of wildflower identification are on the agenda. As well, botanical artist Margaret Best will highlight native orchids in a three-day watercolour workshop.

The park has more than 900 wildflower and plant species.

The festival runs from June 18 to 26. Accommodation can be booked through mywaterton.ca and registration is at watertonwildflowers.com.

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Canucks flock to Orlando

FLORIDA. Canadians showed their love for Orlando in a big way last year, the city's official marketing agency said yesterday.

The number of Canadian visitors was up 11 per cent to 960,000 in 2010, compared with 865,000 the year before, Visit Orlando reported. Canada is Orlando's top international feeder market.

Overall, Orlando drew a record 51.455 million visitors in 2010, up 10.5 per cent from 2009. The city remains the most visited destination in the U.S. and the first to crack the 50-million mark.

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News in brief

Butts banned from the Big Apple

013_DATELINE. New York City is telling folks to butt out.

A new law went into effect Monday banning smoking in parks, public plazas, beaches and boardwalks in the city.

The law, with a $50 US fine attached, aims to protect New Yorkers from secondhand smoking in often elbow-to-elbow environments. But some health experts question whether the smoke poses a serious danger in open spaces, and critics say the city is trampling on civil liberties.

"People who smoke have the right to do it," said Shirley Scott, an ex-smoker visiting New York on Monday with her husband, who goes through three packs a day. "This is a real infringement of people's rights — it's baloney!" she added.

The New York City Council approved the ban in February. The first day it kicked in felt more like a public awareness campaign than a strictly enforced, punitive law.

A government ban on smoking is nothing new in New York. The city forbid smoking in restaurants, bars and other public indoor spaces already in 2002.

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N.Y. castle gets upgrade

Bannerman Castle on an island in the Hudson River has been growing as a tourist attraction since 1993

Stabilization work has begun on a Hudson River island in New York State dominated by the imperilled ruins of a high-walled castle.

The turreted and crumbling walls of Bannerman's Castle are well known to rail commuters who zip by the island off the river's eastern shore, some 80 kilometres north of Manhattan. The castle is actually an old warehouse for military surplus items built early in the 20th century by Francis Bannerman VI, a Manhattan merchant who also built a weekend home on the island.

The Bannerman Castle Trust, Inc. said work began this month on a $286,000 US project to shore up that weekend residence. The house on a high spot of land will get a new roof, flooring and a new staircase to the second floor.

More ambitious and more expensive work to stabilize the castle walls can hopefully begin this year or next, after the residence is completed in eight to 10 weeks, said Neil Caplan, who runs the trust.

"It's very important to save what's there," he said.

Caplan said the residence could be turned into an interpretive centre.

Bannerman Castle Trust formed in 1993 to turn the scenic ruin into an attraction complete with island tours in warmer months. Though the island is part of nearby Hudson Highlands State Park, the trust is responsible for raising money for its rehabilitation. The task was made more urgent in recent years after big chunks of the castle tumbled down.

Caplan said the work is proceeding as quickly as possible, but he added that it has been difficult to raise money in a slow economy.

"It's such a huge project, you have to do it in sections," he said.

Bannerman family members continued to frequent the island for decades after Francis Bannerman died in 1918. The island was sold to New York state in 1967, two years before a fire gutted the castle.

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▶ The Bannerman residence on Pollepel Island, N.Y. Work began this month on a project to stabilize the residence. The house on a high spot of land on the Hudson River will get a new roof, flooring and a new staircase.

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▶ Sao Paulo's carnival

A fashionista's São Paulo

CAMILA YAHN
FOR METRO WORLD NEWS

Like in any other busy big city there are hundreds of options for everything you might like to do in São Paulo, from museums and parks to clubbing and shopping. But one of the best things about the city has to be the food! So many charming restaurants with great eats. There are lots of different kinds of Brazilian restaurants, as well as amazing Japanese and Italian as there are big Japanese and Italian communities here (surprised?). But there are also great new artists and designers — we are in a very rich moment, culturally speaking.

First time?

Stay near Jardins, which is the fashionable area. It's a nice neighbourhood with shops, galleries, bars and restaurants all within walking distance. Visit Masp (masp.art.br), a main museum located at Avenida Paulista, the busiest avenue in the city. Have lunch at the MAM (Museum of Modern Art, mam.org.br), which is in the middle of Ibirapuera park and was designed by Oscar Niemeyer.

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▶ MAM

Shopping!

Hit the Iguatemi (iguatemisaopaulo.com.br) or Cidade Jardim (shoppingcidadejardimjhsf.com.br) malls to understand our shopping and fashion culture. In contrast to Paris, N.Y. or London, people here like to shop indoors, where there are shops, restaurants and banks. Try Cartel, a gallery and shop with a great eye for clothes and accessories (R Artur de Azevedo, 517), or Surface to Air, the French label that also features Brazilian up-and-coming designers (surfacetoair.com). The Jardins neighbourhood is home to stores of famous Brazilian designers including Alexandre Herchcovitch, Gloria Coelho and Reinaldo Lourenço.

SURFACE2AIR

▶ Surface2Air

Eat

The hippest restaurant in town is Lorena 1989, created by the Surface to Air creative collective (lorena1989.com.br). Spot is a trendy place to see and be seen (restaurantespot.com.br). Mani belongs to actress Fernanda Lima. The food is healthy and delicious (manimanioca.com.br). Carlota is cosy and charming, with great food (carlota.com.br). Terraço Italia is a restaurant with great views from above (terracoitalia.com.br).

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▶ Lorena 1989

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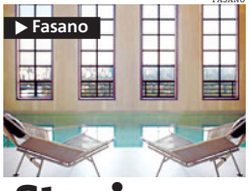
▶ Fasano

Stay in

The Fasano and Emiliano hotels, both 5 stars, are small and cosy with great food. The Fasano has become a label for everything that evokes a nice lifestyle (fasano.com.br).

Go out

For your first beer, go to Bar da Dida (bardadida.com.br). There's great views and groovy music at Lions (lionsnightclub.com.br). For rock and roll, try Alberta#3, a stylish bar owned by a Brazilian journalist (alberta3.com.br), or see new musical and artistic talent at Studio SP (studiosp.org).

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Russia by Trans-Siberian

The ride is fun, but the real treats are found off the rail tracks from Moscow to the towns of Siberia

ANTHONY JOHNSTON
METRO WORLD NEWS

The Trans-Siberian rail route is one of the world's most memorable: stretching more than 9,259 kilometres from Moscow to Vladivostok, passing through 87 cities and towns, crossing seven time zones and two continents, a journey on the Trans-Siberian is an extraordinary adventure and every moment brings new surprises.

The truly Russian version of the experience is arguably found while shacking up in the 3rd class – here, the carriage is effectively one large dormitory, a playground in which to enjoy drink-fuelled banter with fellow travellers and sample various culinary delights the hospitable Russian folk have on offer.

But despite the fun of being on a train ride that seemingly never ends, the real joy in the Trans-Siberian is getting off to explore local areas.

Ekaterinburg, the first major stop in Asian Russia along the Trans-Siberian route may seem to be your typical Russian provincial city – but this industrial hub at the foot of the Ural Mountains boasts huge historic interest.

Here you can visit the site where Tsar Nicholas II and the last of the Romanov dynasty were executed by the Bolsheviks in 1918.

A grand Orthodox church with sparkling golden domes – distinctly called the Church on Blood in Honour of All Saints Resplendent in the Russian Land – now stands on the fateful site.

Moving eastwards, try a few days living in Mongolian-style tents along the shores of Lake Baikal. Locals say this ancient lake is sacred so it's no wonder that Olkhon, an island of boundless steppe located in the middle of the lake, is populated by shamans, mystic soothsayers that profess to be messengers between the human and the spiritual world.

On the eastern shores of the lake lies Ulan-Ude, a town populated by the Buryat people, an ethnic minority related to Mongolians.

One of the most curious sights in his town is the world's largest bust of Lenin on the main square. Visitors should also visit nearby Ivolginsky Datsan, a restored Tibetan Buddhist monastery and central Buddhist spiritual centre in Russia.

GO FROM BORED TO BOARD.

Quick tips

EAT

- Stock up with Russian get-together snacks, including pancakes with red caviar, salt-dried vobla fish, pork fat and the popular Russian beer, 'Siberian Crown'.

STAY

- Hotel Baikal in the quaint village of Listvyanka boasts

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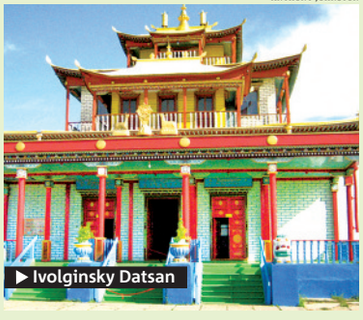
▶ Ivolginsky Datsan

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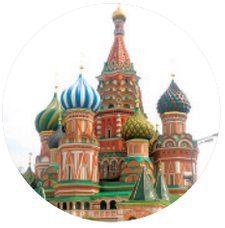

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▶ Taking a stroll on Red Square, dominated by the iconic St. Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin, is a thrill – you're at the very heart of 'Mother Russia'.

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Where grill meets salad

This meal mixes grilled steak and spring veggies

Typically, we think of the grill as the way to cook the main course. But you also can take advantage of this healthy cooking technique to make other parts of the meal, including this composed salad of steak and spring vegetables. The recipe uses the grill to cook and flavour the meat, as well as many of the other components of the dish.

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▶ The steak and veggies are prepared on the grill.

Ingredients:

Dressing

- 75 ml (5 tbsp) lemon juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- Black pepper, to taste

Salad

- 500 g (1 lb) sirloin steak, 2.5 to 3 cm (1 to 1 1/4 inches) thick, trimmed of fat
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- Black pepper, to taste
- 500 g (1 lb) asparagus, bottoms trimmed
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) artichoke hearts, drained
- 250 ml (1 cup) cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 1 l (4 cups) arugula

Preparation:

1. Heat a gas grill to high or light a charcoal fire.
2. Dressing: In a blender, combine lemon juice, olive oil, Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper. Blend until emulsified. Set aside.
3. Season steak on both sides with salt and pepper. Grill about 5 minutes per side for medium rare. Remove and let rest on a cutting board for 5 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, grill asparagus and artichoke, turning occasionally, until slightly charred and the asparagus spears are tender-crisp, about 5 minutes. Remove from the grill and cut asparagus into 5-cm (2-inch) pieces and the artichoke hearts in half. Place vegetables in a bowl with cherry tomatoes.
5. Thinly slice steak across grain and add to bowl with asparagus and artichoke hearts. Toss with half of the dressing.
6. In a salad bowl, toss arugula with remaining dressing. To compose salad, place some arugula on each plate and arrange grilled steak and vegetables on top.

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Don't bother putting on that suit, packing your lunch or kissing the kids goodbye
It's National Work From Home Day, and you might just want to mention it to your boss

A day to keep the paperwork in your pad

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If you're reading this Metro in your office and notice some of your colleagues are missing today, don't fear that the rapture was just delayed – today is National Work From Home Day.

The unofficial movement toward greater workplace flexibility is driven by Workopolis, the online recruiter, and more than 75,000 Canadians have "liked" their idea on Facebook.

Andrea Garson, vice-president of human resources, says the goal is to make it an official, legislated event and for companies to develop programs that allow eligible workers to telecommute some or all of the time. Calgary already has a telework week and Ottawa is moving toward introducing tele-working options at City Hall.

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ANDREA GARSON
VICE-PRESIDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AT WORKPOLIS

"From a worker's perspective, there's obviously a greater flexibility in things like choosing your work hours, flexibility, working on your own terms," she says.

"There's a reduction of stress and the ability to care for others if they have a disabled family member."

It also boosts mental health to such an extent that the Canadian Mental Health Association supports the call for a work-from-home day.

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One day to crunch numbers on the couch could be exactly what your body needs.

For employers, it can lead to smaller office needs, happier workers, increased productivity and greater access to qualified candidates. "There's a whole group of people who are now saying this is important to them," Garson says. That includes rising talent from 20-somethings who crave flexible bosses to blend with their flexible lifestyles. Telecommuting options also help retain new parents who might otherwise quit.

Karen Scully will be among the ranks telecommuting Wednesday. She does reports for a call centre in Toronto and works from home two days per week and from the office three days a week.

"Everything is on a server and I can talk to my coworkers via MSN," she says of the ease of telecommuting.

It's great for her, as she has a four-hour roundtrip commute. Replacing that twice a week by walking to her in-house office saves her about $250 a month in gas and prevents her bad back from being agitated by the long drive. It's good for her bosses, too, as she arrives for work cheerful, rested and precisely on time. Commuters "arrive at work angry," she laughs.

"Somebody's going to make you angry driving."

Scully also never has to leave work early to catch a carpool ride and rarely misses a telecommute day.

"I don't get snow days anymore," she laments, noting that one year before she telecommuted she had to miss five days due to blizzards.

Home work

It seems that working from home isn't the fantasy scenario that some might imagine it to be.

- Approximately 2.5 million Canadians work from home at least once a week, according to an Avaya Inc study.

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Bank on your break

Students, make this summer count for something

School's out and finally you can catch up on all your favourite soaps, take long naps throughout the day, and read up on the latest celebrity gossip. It sounds like a great plan and is definitely deserved, but you may want to look into activities that will boost your chances of securing a job this fall. Make the most of the summer with these suggestions:

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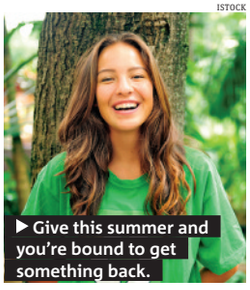

▶ Give this summer and you're bound to get something back.

Try something new

Learn to tap dance. Go skydiving. Master a difficult recipe. Take a course and learn to communicate in sign language. Interesting facts about yourself on your resumé will make you stand apart from the crowd and can provide some friendly banter in the midst of an intense job interview.

Find a mentor.

Get in touch with a professor, relative, or friend who is working in a field that you're interested in. Then ask lots of questions about their career journey to learn how they got to where they are. It will inspire you to take steps in the right direction.

Make a difference.

Think outside the box and see if there is a way to use your skills to help others. Are you good at directions? Volunteer to drive and deliver meals to seniors and shut–ins. Are you great at planning events? Host a fundraiser for a cause you're passionate about. Visit Christian Children's Fund of Canada's website ccfcanada.ca for tips on how to run a successful event. Though volunteering may not contribute to your sports car fund, it will pay off in the long run as employers look fondly on individuals who show initiative and work hard. NEWS CANADA

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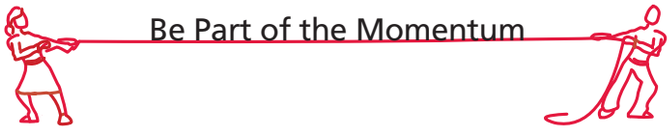

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▶ Alex Radu advises graduates going through the application process to gravitate towards recruiters who seem genuinely enthusiastic about their companies.

STUDENT VOICE

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As a student in a business program with strong connections to a number of large corporations, I started my job search by emulating what other students around me were doing: applying to large consumer packaged goods, accounting and consulting firms that recruited students directly from our program.

These companies were actually coming to us, hands outstretched, asking for resumés and cover letters.

So, it only made sense to give them what they were looking for.

In retrospect, I realize this is a privilege that most other university students do not have.

Having said that, after jumping through the hoops of these large corporations' systematic recruitment processes and getting turned down numerous times, I found myself becoming very jaded to this type of job hunt.

The process was painfully repetitive: Attend on-campus information session. Submit resumé and cover letter. Fill out online application.

Attach resumé and cover letter again. Wait for response. Interview. Get turned down. Hopelessly wonder why.

Though I began each new application excited about the prospect of the job, by the end I had lost much of my passion and zeal.

It was at this point that, through the Impact Entrepreneurship Group, I was introduced to the world of start-ups and small businesses, which breathed new life into my job hunt.

This was it. No more faceless applications, no more jumping through unnecessary hoops, and no more generic e-mails turning me down without any sort of explanation. Finally, an application process where I was dealing with real people who were incredibly passionate about their work. Plus, they were equally interested in me and what I could bring to the table.

It was a whole new world of job opportunities.

My advice to my fellow students is not to restrict themselves to applying only for positions they find through career centres or on job boards.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Alex's experience:

- Attend conferences and industry events to get an idea of who the key players are and what they do.
- If you discover a person or company you would be excited to work for, send them an email or call them directly. Be persistent, but not annoying – they're busy!
- Don't just ask for a job. Explain exactly what you want to do and why you're interested in working there.

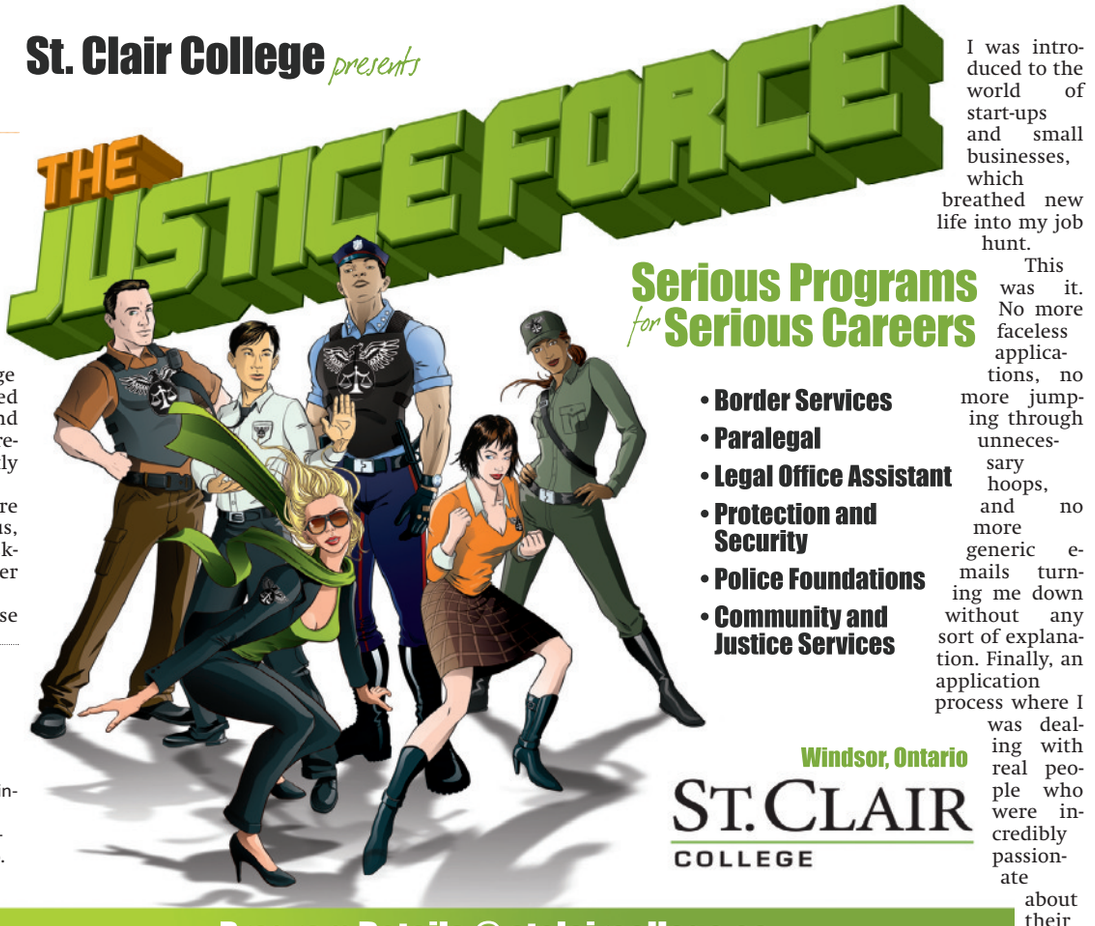
Where Alex is now

This summer, I am working as Marketing Co-ordinator for marketing company Redwood Strategic. This is not a job I got through a career centre or any form of on-campus recruiting.

I met the founder, Dave Wilkin, last year at a conference and was captivated by his energy and his belief in the power of what his company does.

After the conference, we kept in touch and met on several occasions to discuss Redwood Strategic, its employment needs, and the kinds of experiences I was looking for.

We soon found a mutual fit and Dave hired me as a Marketing Co-ordinator for the summer.



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Does your group pension financial plan have answers?

Like millions of Canadians, if you have a pension or retirement savings plan with your employer, you likely receive a group pension financial statement or member statement at least once or twice a year. Unfortunately, recent research has shown that these statements are not widely used because they are hard to understand and lack personalized recommendations and specific suggestions for improving retirement income.

Many Canadians can be intimidated by the overly technical financial jargon of these statements and just toss them away. For this reason, Standard Life recently developed a series of short videos to help people better understand their group retirement statements and to motivate them to further involved themselves in their retirement planning.

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Here are some tips on what to look for on the new statement featured in the YouTube videos.

How am I doing?

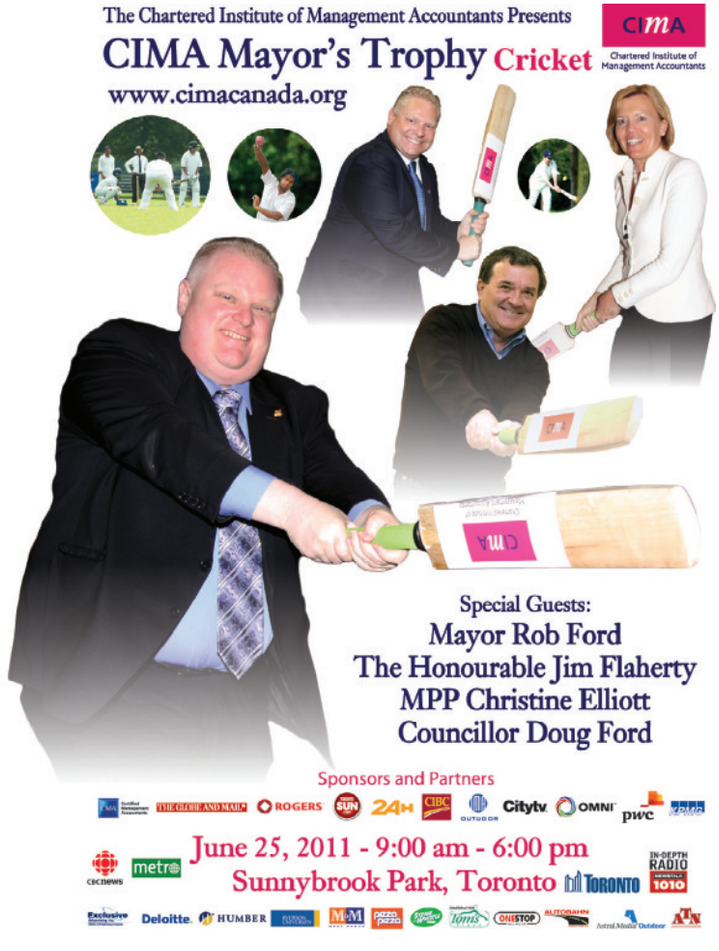
The first video examines and showcases in detail the information you need to determine the value and growth rate of your investments since your last statement: your closing value numbers, the growth in your plan's value figures and your rate of return figures, all of which can be found on the statement. Those three numbers give you a good idea of your situation.

Are you on track?

To know the answer to this question, the second video helps explain and review on your statement where to find your retirement projection and goal and the potential difference in these two that is called the gap.

What could you do to reach your retirement goal?

In the final and third video of the series, you're shown how to use your statement as a tool. It often points out actions you can take right away and gives suggestions to help if you realize there is a gap between your retirement income projection and your goal, such as updating your investor profile, increasing contributions or revising your personal budget.



But will they be any good?

- High draft picks in recent years have brought a young, talented core to the Thrashers
- Last season's strong first half has some optimistic the team is ready to take the next step

Lots of youthful potential, but not much history of winning is what Winnipeg will get when the defunct Atlanta Thrashers move in next season.

Andrew Ladd, Evander Kane, Dustin Byfuglien, Tobias Enstrom and Ondrej Pavelec are the top names on the Atlanta club that finished 12th in the NHL Eastern Conference at 34-36-12 last season.

They ranked 29th in the 30-team league in goaltending, conceding a conference-high 269 goals, and had a mediocre attack that ranked 11th in the conference with 223 goals in 82 games.

The Thrashers made the playoffs only once in their 11 years in Atlanta. That was in 2006-07 when they were swept by the New York Rangers and outscored 17-6 in the four games.

General manager Rick Dudley, if he is kept, has cap room for free agent signings and says he wants to add a scorer and a defenceman.

Here's a look at the new Manitoba/Winnipeg team:

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▶ Ondrej Pavelec

Goaltenders

The 23-year-old Pavelec had a scary moment early in the season when he fainted during a game and was taken to hospital for tests, but he came back to play 58 games with a 2.73 goals-against average and a .914 save percentage. He is considered among the league's most promising young goalies. His backup, 35-year-old Chris Mason, had a weak 3.39 average and .892 save percentage in 33 appearances.

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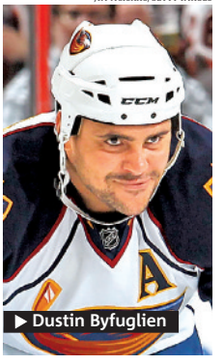

▶ Dustin Byfuglien

Defencemen

They can move the puck and shoot with Enstrom, Byfuglien and Zach Bogosian, and have decent defensive players in Johnny Oduya, Ron Hainsey and deadline acquisition Mark Stuart. Byfuglien tore up the league early after he was acquired from the Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks but was quiet in the back half in 2011. He finished second on the Thrashers in team scoring with 20 goals and 53 points.

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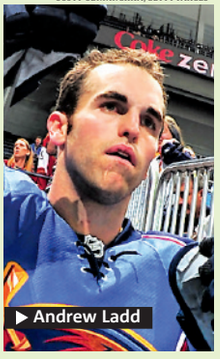

▶ Andrew Ladd

Forwards

The top line had Bryan Little at centre between Ladd and Blake Wheeler, who was picked up with Stuart from Boston in the Rich Peverley deadline deal. Ladd led the team with 29 goals and 59 points.

On the second line, young Alexander Burmistrov centres Evander Kane and veteran Nik Antropov. The third and fourth lines feature Rob Schremp, Anthony Stewart, Eric Boulton, Chris Thorburn, Ben Maxwell and others.

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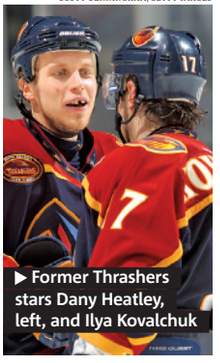

▶ Former Thrashers stars Dany Heatley, left, and Ilya Kovalchuk

History

Bad luck and some big moves have marked the Thrashers' history.

Dany Heatley's car accident, which killed teammate Dan Snyder, led to the winger being traded in 2005 to Ottawa for Marian Hossa. Ilya Kovalchuk, the first-overall pick of 2001, turned down a contract offer and was traded to New Jersey in February 2010. High-profile draft picks like Patrick Stefan and Kari Lehtonen never worked out.

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Jets name available if wanted: Bettman

The NHL by any name may smell sweet to rabid Winnipeg hockey fans but they still want their Jets back.

Still, it's far from certain what the team will be called.

The Jets jerseys as common as blue jeans on downtown streets yesterday were testimony to the brand power the Jets name still has in the city.

The league owns the rights to the Jets name and Winnipeg can have it if the city wants it, said commissioner Gary Bettman.

Bettman says the new owners will decide whether they want to revive the Jets or look to a new era when it comes to the name. A decision will also need to be made about whether the team is known by Winnipeg or Manitoba.

True North doesn't expect to waste a lot of time before choosing, said Jim Ludlow, president and CEO.

"I would expect that will be done before the board of governors meeting in June," he said.

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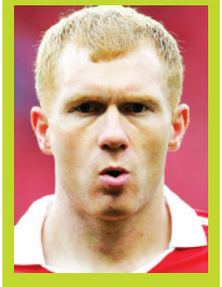

"I am not a man of many words but I can honestly say that playing football is all I have ever wanted to do and to have had such a long and successful career at Manchester United has been a real honour."

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Heat rally for victory

James, Wade combine for 46, as Heat erase eight-point deficit to beat Mavericks

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▶ Miami's LeBron James dunks the ball in the fourth quarter last night.

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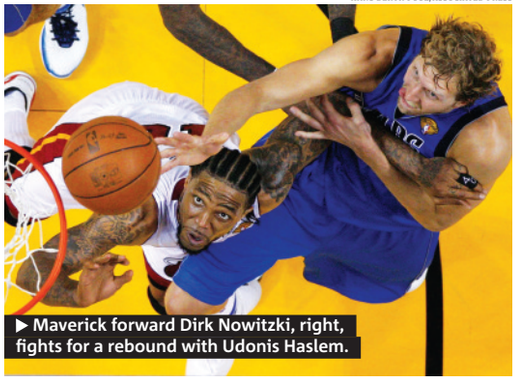

▶ Maverick forward Dirk Nowitzki, right, fights for a rebound with Udonis Haslem.

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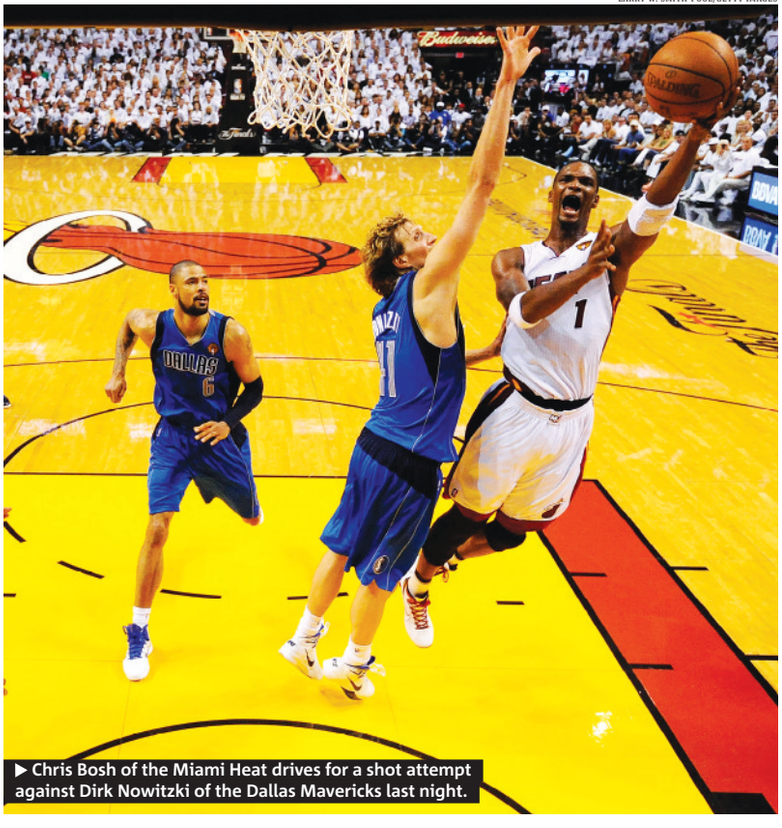

▶ Chris Bosh of the Miami Heat drives for a shot attempt against Dirk Nowitzki of the Dallas Mavericks last night.

Game 1

The Miami Heat have struck first in the NBA finals.

- **LeBron James** scored 24 points for his first win in five finals-game appearances, Dwyane Wade added 22 points and 10 rebounds, and the Heat beat the Dallas Mavericks 92-84 in Game 1 of the title series last night.
- **The Heat** trailed by eight points early in the third quarter before pulling away, remaining unbeaten at home in these playoffs and snapping Dallas's five-game road winning streak.
- **Chris Bosh** scored 19 points — holding up three fingers when it was over, a clear nod to the three wins Miami needs for a title — and Mario Chalmers added 12 for the Heat, who host Game 2 tomorrow night.
- **Dirk Nowitzki** scored 27 points and grabbed eight rebounds for Dallas, which got 16 points and 10 rebounds from Marion and 12 from Jason Terry — most of those coming in an early flurry. Dallas had 51 points after 26 minutes.

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▶ Vancouver Canucks, from left, Ryan Kesler, Aaron Rome, Henrik Sedin and Alex Burrows battle yesterday during practice.

A glitch in feel-good tale for Canucks

Injured Malhotra misses final tune-up before Game 1 of cup final

Now, you see him. Now, you don't.

Vancouver Canucks centre Manny Malhotra's inspirational comeback was put on hold yesterday, raising questions about whether he will be able to compete in the Stanley Cup final against the Boston Bruins.

Malhotra, recovering from a career-threatening eye injury suffered in mid-March, was conspicuous by his absence as the Canucks held their last full practice before tonight's Game 1 (CBC, 8 p.m.).

"He gets monitored every day and today was a day they (medical staff) felt that it would be best to stay away for today," said Vancouver general manager Mike Gillis. "He'll be back around the team again (today), we anticipate."

The 31-year-old Mississauga native returned to practice recently after undergoing a number of surgical procedures to save his vision, fuelling speculation that he would be ready for game action as the Canucks compete for a first Stanley Cup in their 40-season history.

But Gillis raised doubts about the possibility of him returning in time to suit up against the Boston Bruins.

"He hasn't been cleared to play yet," said Gillis. "He's cleared for some contact."

"When he's cleared to play and play in the NHL, you'll see him with the team again. Until that point, we'll take it day by day and monitor it day by day."

CANUCKS GM MIKE GILLIS ON MANNY MALHOTRA

The general manager's comments contradicted those of Canucks coach Alain Vigneault, who said Saturday that Malhotra had been officially cleared to play. Vigneault did not differentiate between practices and games.

Gillis said Malhotra had not suffered a setback.

"No, it's part of the ongoing plan he's had from the date of the injury," said Gillis.

The veteran centre was injured as a puck deflected into his eye off the stick of St. Louis Blues defenceman Erik Johnson.

The Canucks announced shortly after Malhotra went down that he was out for the season. He underwent surgical procedures and stayed around the team while dodging reporters and contributing with video analysis, pep talks and other preparations.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Too little, too late for Jays against Cleveland

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▶ Jose Bautista takes a pitch against Cleveland last night.

Right-hander Mitch Talbot, making his second start since coming off the disabled list, allowed one run in 6⅔ innings as the Cleveland Indians defeated the Toronto Blue Jays 6-3 last night.

Catcher Carlos Santana was 3-for-3 with two RBIs and centre-fielder Grady Sizemore drove in two runs with two doubles as the Indians (32-20) broke the Blue Jays'(28-27) four-game win streak.

Toronto's Yunel Escobar hit his sixth homer of the season with one out in the ninth against reliever Tony Sipp.

Blue Jays right-hander Brandon Morrow (2-3) had a hit-or-miss night. He struck out nine in five innings, but also allowed nine hits, including five doubles and a triple. He gave up six runs before Luis Perez replaced him in the sixth.

Talbot (2-1) held the Blue Jays to six hits and three walks to pick up his first win since April 11.

The first three innings were feast or famine for Morrow. He ended the third by striking out Sizemore, his seventh of the game to that point, but the Jays were already in a 3-0 hole.

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World Cup qualifier may be last for Canadian stalwarts

After more than a decade with Canada's national soccer team, Kevin McKenna and Dwayne De Rosario have come to know disappointment all too well.

They are mainstays with the Canadian team, but neither has reached the World Cup.

And the 31-year-old McKenna and 33-year-old De Rosario know time is running out.

"I think it will be my last shot at a World Cup qualifying. There is a bit (of urgency), I'm not 21 anymore," said McKenna, a central defender for FC Koln in Germany. "It's always been a dream of mine as a kid and if we were to make it, it would definitely really be a highlight to my career."

The Canadians have gathered for camp in Toronto ahead of the CONCACAF Gold Cup tournament. World Cup qualifying is in September. They host Ecuador in a friendly tonight at BMO Field in Toronto.

Canada has made just one World Cup appearance — in 1986 — failing to win a game or score a goal.

"I've had that feeling (of urgency) from a long time ago, that's one of my dreams, to make the World Cup," De Rosario said. "We really think we have the team."

McKenna, a Calgary native, has 49 caps and 10 goals for Canada and made his national team debut in 2000. Toronto's De Rosario has 56 caps and 15 goals since making his debut in 1998.

The biggest change they've seen over their long tenure with the team is the increase in Canadians playing at a high level abroad.

Simeon Jackson is one Canadian who has proven himself on one of the sport's biggest stages.

His header against Portsmouth a few weeks ago propelled Norwich City into the vaunted English Premier League. It was just one goal in an outburst that saw the 22-year-old from Mississauga score nine times in seven games.

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Engine

Honda didn't substantially alter the Civic's base 140-horsepower 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine, other than to tweak it to improve fuel economy.

However, the sporty Si coupe and sedan receive a new 2.4-litre engine that generates 201 horsepower (up from 197) to replace the previous 2.0.

That means 31 more pound-feet of torque for a much peppier drive.

Updates

The Civic coupe and sedan have evolved only modestly, compared to their previous-gen counterparts.

The rooflines are a bit more sweeping (what Honda calls a "one motion profile") and the front roof pillars are now thinner to improve visibility.

Other updates include a more attractive nose plus a general updating of the rear deck and taillamps.

Road manners

Upgrading the Civic's already decent road manners involved dialing in greater steering responsiveness, retuning the front and rear suspension for a smoother ride and enlarging the underbody's flat surface area to reduce air resistance (to improve fuel economy).

With numerous performance choices and trim levels, the Civic continues to provide a lean to loaded assortment over a price range that remains about the same as before (starting at $16,400, including delivery costs).

▶ The grille has been recut to blend in with the rest of the Honda family. More subtlety, about 2.5 centimetres have been cut out of the distance between the front and rear wheels.

Evolutionary path for Civic

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The new Honda Civic's song remains the same, but its melody just keeps on getting richer and sweeter.

The first-generation Civic that arrived for the 1973 model year was the ideal antidote for increasing pump prices (and gas rationing in the United States) that struck fear into the hearts of drivers back then.

Through the Civic, Honda showed the world that inexpensive, fuel-efficient automobiles could also be fun and desirable.

Additionally, Honda became an early proponent of environmental responsibility and conservation at a time when the Detroit-based ironmongers continued pumping out ever larger and wasteful fleets.

With each successive generation, the Civic has stayed mostly true to its original purpose and has reaped the rewards from a growing and loyal customer base.

It's clear that the ninth-generation Civic that's just now trickling into the retail pipeline (slowed due to parts shortages from the recent earthquake/tsunami in Japan) is following an evolutionary path.

There's no shock-and-awe approach to its design or technological content. Instead there's a continual effort to improve on the Civic's inherent goodness that will more likely be felt as much as noticed.

▶ The Si Coupe has very nice rear top-fender crease that gives the car some shape.

▶ The unique tiered gauges can be augmented with a supplemental 12.7-centimetre screen (top right) above the navigation screen.

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Also returning is the significantly changed Civic Hybrid sedan, which Honda claims will achieve 4.4 l/100 km in the city and 4.2 on the highway, a slight improvement compared to 2011.

2012 Honda Civic

What you should know about the 2012 Honda Civic:

- **Types:** Two- /four-door compact sedan/coupe.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.8-litre SOHC I4 (140); 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (201); 1.5-litre SOHC I4 with electric motor (110, combined).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual; five-speed automatic six-speed manual (Si); continuously variable (Hybrid).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 7.2/5.0 (1.8, AT).

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GOOGLE WORKING ON ULTIMATE BACK SEAT DRIVER

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Late last year, Google revealed that a fleet of self-driving vehicles it's developing has already logged about 200,000 kilometres on public roads and streets in California.

Which begs a lot of profound questions, like… Where were the cops? … Even if driver-less technology has arrived, should we use it? … Who pays when a driverless car hits something? … And who is getting in the first one certified for public use, because it's not going to be me?

The brains behind the Google self-driving initiative is Sebastian Thrun. Before moving to Google, he was behind several Stanford driverless vehicle projects, including Stanley, the first ever-winner of the DARPA Grand Challenge, a U.S. military contest worth $2 million in grants, for a driverless vehicle that could pass several challenges in desert conditions.

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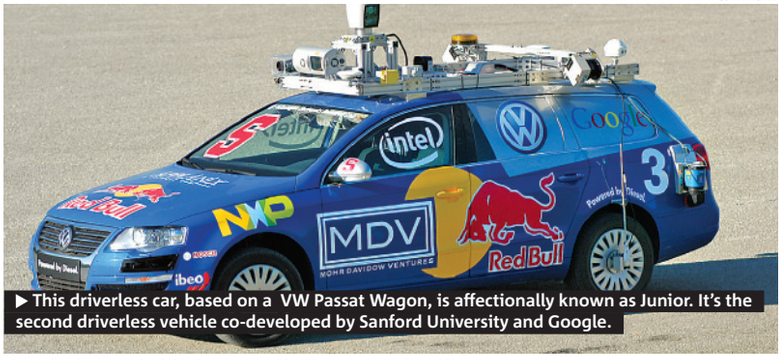

▶ This driverless car, based on a VW Passat Wagon, is affectionally known as Junior. It's the second driverless vehicle co-developed by Sanford University and Google.

Thrun believes we should peruse driverless vehicle technology for safety reasons. In fact, he opened his talk at the TED Conference earlier this year, by saying that when his best friend died in a vehicle crash at age 18, he soon decided to dedicate his life to one day saving one million people per year from vehicle-related deaths.

Others have made this case before, that vehicles that can communicate to each other, and that are connected to a common grid of some kind, could easily be programmed to stay out of each other's way. (Most accident deaths are caused by human error.)

Thrun also believes that driverless vehicle can save much gasoline and human time. We can save gas, he says, by increasing the capacity of our current roadways "by a factor of two or three." With totally automated systems, vehicles should be able to travel very close together, and on vary narrow ribbons, or so he says. This would also get rid of gridlock, which he figures robs the U.S. of about 4 billion hours of wasted time every year.

He ended by saying that he and others are working toward, and looking forward to, a future time, "when generations look back at us and say how ridiculous it was that humans were driving cars."

Wow.

We're a long ways from that "utopia." Even if there are no technology issues, a lot of governments, legislators, citizens, etc., will have to get on board.

But I think the biggest hurdle in our lifetime is the collective memory of current drivers. The Google vehicles started life as normal Toyota Prius models. For the California tests, two engineers sat in the driver and passenger seats at all times — to monitor the computer systems linking the maps, video cameras, radars and lasers, servo-motors, etc., and for driver backup, in case of driverless driver malfunction.

I don't know how those guys did it. I rode shotgun once in a driverless car at Chrysler's proving grounds in Michigan, and it wasn't easy. I squirmed in my seat. I stared and swore at the invisible driver. I did not enjoy it.

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Making tires run quietly

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Designing a tire is quite a balancing act. The tire needs to be safe, long-lasting and as fuel-efficient as possible, but it also needs to be relatively quiet to avoid excessive road noise.

Pirelli has a research and development department that deals specifically with tire noise, especially since it is headquartered in Europe where tires have to meet maximum mandated noise levels, says Mastracchio Orazio, quality product manager for Canada for Pirelli Tire.

"There are a few factors with noise, and the most predominant one is the tread design," Orazio says. "For example, a winter truck design will generate more noise than a summer performance tire. The (rubber) compound has a minimal effect. It depends on the tread design."

Tire treads are made up of blocks that contain grooves and sipes, the tiny slits in the tread face that help increase traction.

"You see more and more tires that have a modern tread design," Orazio says. "Most of them are asymmetrical or directional. You need to make sure that the pitch of the tread blocks is not the same on the left side as on the right side, because when the wind hits the tread blocks, it generates a certain level of decibels. If you space out the tread blocks, it breaks the wind noise."

Tires are tested for noise in a special "quiet" room, with microphones inside and outside the car. The vehicle is run on rollers in the floor, with the microphones picking up and analyzing the sound. The engineers work to make the tire as quiet as possible, while still working in conjunction with those who are designing the tread and assessing the tire's longevity.

If they go too far in one direction, they sacrifice at the other.

"We have to consider the safety," Orazio says. "Noise is up there, but safety is the priority."

Regulations

- Europe has strict regulations on tires, and by Nov. 1, 2012, new tires will have to be sold with their fuel efficiency, wet grip and rolling noise levels displayed at the store or in advertising materials so that consumers can compare them.

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▶ A Pirelli Scorpion Verde all-season tire is pictured.

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First-gen Vue appeals mainly on price

Heavy horsepower models are available

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2006 Saturn Vue

Intended to compete with the Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV4, the Saturn Vue entered its first generation with a unique look, two available powertrains and available All-Wheel Drive.

A high-performance Redline variant was available with enhanced styling, and a hybrid version was available, too.

Riding the same platform that housed the Chevrolet Equinox and Pontiac Torrent, Vue was powered by a 2.2-litre, 143-horsepower four-cylinder engine, or a 3-litre, 181-horsepower V6.

A five-speed manual gearbox was available for the four-cylinder engine, and automatics were fitted otherwise. A CVT transmission was available on early four-cylinder Vue models too, though shoppers are advised to avoid it. Among other things, GM canned this transmission option due to reliability issues.

Note that from 2004 and on, the V6 engine was replaced by a 3.5-litre unit from Honda, which cranked horsepower up to 270.

Look for a five-door, five-seat configuration, flexible folding rear seats and generous interior storage accommodations.

Feature content included leather seating, a sunroof, power accessories and remote access. An auto-dimming rearview mirror, satellite radio, OnStar and cruise control were also available.

What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2002-07 Saturn Vue
- **Vehicle type:** Crossover
- **Price:** $2,500 to $14,000

What Owners Like

Owners of this generation of Vue typically praise its easy driving character and flexibility, as well as styling.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints tend to deal with cramped rear seats, cheap interior parts and a noisy ride and suspension.

Common Issues

Other issues are numerous, and test drivers set on a Vue for its lower-than-average price and unique styling are advised to have a full mechanical inspection by a Saturn-trained mechanic.

A full inspection of the AWD system (if so equipped), as well as a "scan" of the engine computer for signs of bad sensors is an ideal starting point.

Many owners have reported sensor and wiring-related problems, meaning a full check of all electronic accessories should be considered mandatory, too. Ditto the transmission. If the Vue you're test driving hesitates, slips or "clunks" during gear shifts, move to another unit. Note that the Vue also seemed prone to bearing-related issues with wheel-bearings and carrier bearings for the driveshaft in the AWD system.

The Verdict

To avoid potential headaches and reliability issues, a front-drive, four-cylinder unit with the five-speed manual is likely your best bet. If you're not dead-set on a first-gen Vue and can spend a little more money, more reliable models are available.

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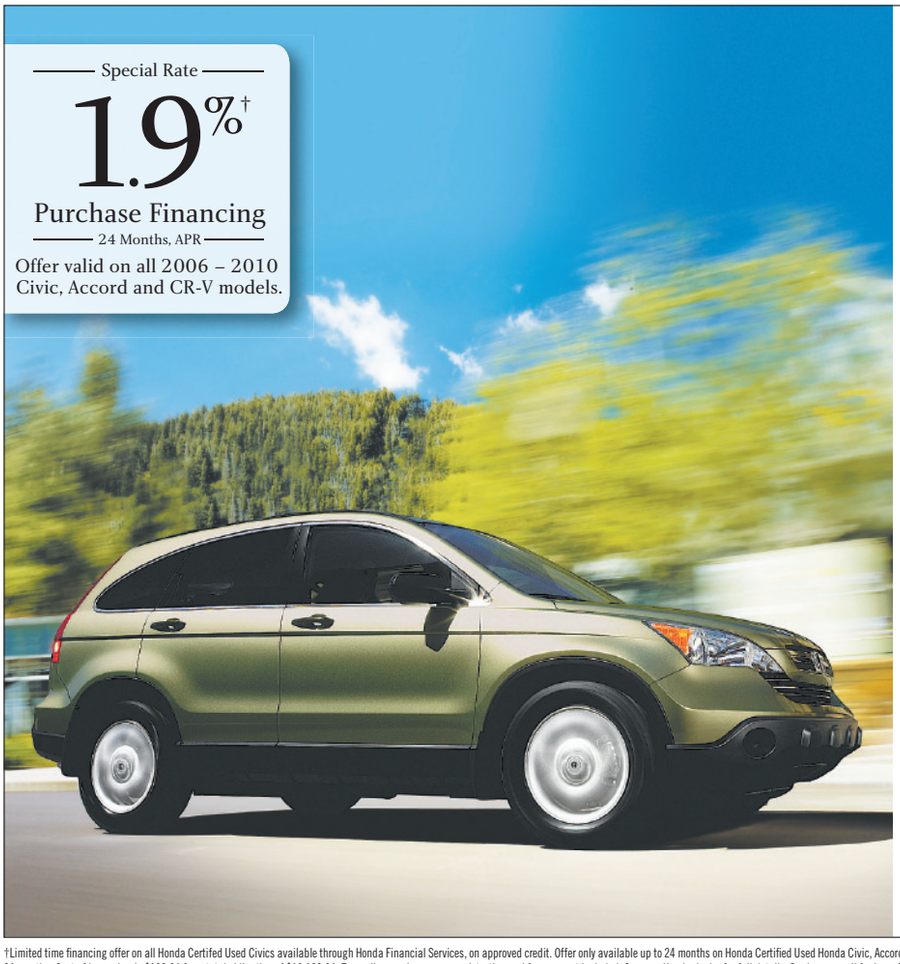

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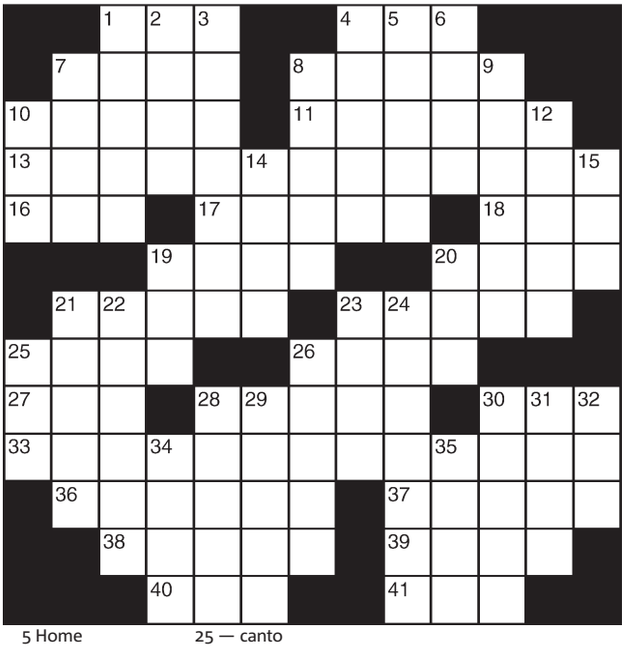

Across

1 "— the season ..."
4 Perched
7 Understand, slangily
8 Tennis player's sore spot
10 Dish
11 Illinois city
13 Events of 7/29/81 and 4/29/11
16 Type squares
17 "— Foolish Things"
18 401(k) alternative
19 Old World deer
20 Singles
21 Dracula, e.g.
23 Mirror's offering
25 Use the oven
26 Use a teaspoon
27 Geological period
28 Weeps loudly
30 Lawyers' org.
33 No traitor
36 Smoothly, in music
37 Battery terminal
38 Twelve
39 Sorts
40 Teut.
41 Easter-egg preparation

Down

1 Cafeteria stack
2 Greek vowel
3 Kadiddlehopper portrayer
4 Coasters
5 Home
6 Actress Spelling
7 Latch (onto)
8 Tools for duels
9 — and dining
10 Opposite of post-
12 Coincide
14 Sharpen
15 Airline to Stockholm
19 Regret
20 Rowing need
21 Christmas song
22 Accepted
23 "— have to do"
24 Lost
25 — canto
26 Faint
28 Fire
29 Subsequently
30 Heard the alarm
31 Foundations
32 Exist
34 Enthusiastic, plus
35 Sans siblings

▶ Yesterday's answer

W	A	I	F		A	P	T		M	O	O	T
O	D	O	R		P	I	E		A	R	G	O
K	I	W	I		S	T	A	N	D	A	R	D
S	T	A	N	L	E	Y		I	D	L	E	D
			G	A	S		O	N	E			
A	B	B	E	Y		S	T	A	N	N	I	C
S	I	R			N	U	T			A	K	A
S	T	A	N	T	O	N		E	D	G	E	D
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S	T	A	N	H	O	P	E		A	U	R	A
T	A	L	C		B	A	A		M	A	G	S
A	L	E	E		I	S	M		O	L	E	S

Sudoku

3	2		1				7	4
4	9		7		8	1		
		5			2			6
9						8	4	
6			8		9			2
	8	1						7
5			6			4		
		3	9		5		6	1
7	6				3		5	8

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	6	9	2	1	4	7	5	8
8	7	1	5	6	9	2	3	4
2	4	5	3	8	7	9	1	6
5	1	7	6	2	8	4	9	3
4	8	2	9	7	3	1	6	5
6	9	3	4	5	1	8	7	2
1	3	4	8	9	5	6	2	7
9	5	6	7	4	2	3	8	1
7	2	8	1	3	6	5	4	9

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 No matter how well you talk, you'll also have to be hands-on.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Today's solar eclipse will reward you in ways you may not have been expecting.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Do something dramatic today, something that will make the world sit up and take notice.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 There's something important you need to deal with before you moving on to bigger and better things.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Today, you will wonder why everyone is being so nice to you but don't let it get out of hand. You're appreciated.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Let someone in a position of power know you are ambitious and you will be moving up in the world.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 What do you dream of doing more than anything else? Do it — right now.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 By all means, go on the offensive today, especially where money matters are concerned.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may get angry with people who think and act lower than you but nagging them won't change it.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will work extremely hard over the next 24 hours. Push yourself above and beyond your usual limit.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Relationships and affairs of the heart will benefit from the eclipse.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You'll deal with a grievance, but it shouldn't be too much for your caring nature. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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